

**Report of the Findings
from the 2006
Auburn State Recreation Area
Visitor Survey**



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Summary of Key Findings

The typical Auburn SRA visitor lives close (within 100 miles) of the area. The large majority of visitors consist of equal numbers of males and females who are relatively young, white, middle-income, college educated adults.

Virtually all of the visitors consider the area important to them, with most (75%) indicating that the area is very or extremely important to them. They see the importance, value and uniqueness of the area, first and foremost, in the natural beauty, nature and unspoiled character of the area and river. The other major value lies in the diversity of outdoor recreation activities the area offers including its vast and varied trail system. The area provides visitors with opportunities to exercise, reduce stress, explore, and experience nature and relative solitude in a wilderness-type setting close to home. The visitors highly value the area. It is so important to them that over half indicated that they moved to or remain living in the area in order to be close to and use Auburn SRA. This is supported by the fact that visitors on average began visiting the area thirteen years ago, and are repeat visitors who have an unusually high average number of visits (35) per year. On average, each visitor spent almost a full 8-hour day per visit. The amount of money each spends on visits to Auburn SRA is another strong indicator of the value they place on the area. On average, each visitor spends \$93 per visit, which when multiplied by 35 visits, equates to an average expenditure of \$3,255 a year for each visitor. The expenditures alone from all visitors to Auburn SRA are over \$2 billion. Since visitor expenditures are only one part of the formula for demonstrating economic value, there is no doubt that the economic value to the local communities and region is more than \$2 billion. A very high response rate to the questions on the unique character of the area and its importance is yet another indicator of the very strong value visitors hold for the area.

The most visited areas and favorite areas to visit within Auburn SRA are, in order of response rate, the Confluence, Lake Clementine, river beaches and swim holes, and trails. There was also a strong indication that many visitors did not have a favorite area but favor the park as a whole and its many sites.

Based upon the number of days spent, the recreation activities participated in most are jogging and fitness running, horseback riding, walking for fitness and fun, wildlife viewing/bird watching and trail hiking. Based on the importance visitors assigned to activities, trail hiking is first followed by swimming/sunbathing and then walking and mountain biking. The majority of visitors spent more time recreating at ASRA in the past five years than before. This compares to Folsom SRA and other areas in the region where less time is being spent. Auburn SRA visitors are also actively visiting other recreation areas in the region. Recreation activities that seem to be growing and show the most future growth include mountain biking, and flat water boating, including kayaking, canoeing and motorized boating.

Regarding park facilities development, eighty-seven (87%) of visitors want either no additional park facility development or only minor or occasional facility development in the area. Response rates to what and where facilities should be located were very low and, where a facility development was favored by a few respondents, there were an equal number or more opposed to the development. Only a few respondents mentioned specific locations where they would like to see the facilities developed. Lake Clementine (upper and lower) was mentioned by only two percent of respondents as a potential location for additional campsites and new trails. The Confluence was mentioned by five percent of respondents as a preferred location for more and/or permanent restrooms. The Confluence was also mentioned by three percent of respondents as a good location for picnic areas, and by two percent of respondents as a good location for interpretive signs and a visitor center. By far the largest response in all facility categories was no development. However, one in three visitors indicated that they would use additional campgrounds if they were built away from the water. On the other hand, visitors would like to see improvements to existing facilities.

Relatively few respondents found barriers to the use of Auburn SRA. In fact, the most significant response (ranging from 10-13%) in all categories was “no barrier/impediment”. Some respondents felt that lack of parking (5%), potential future

fees (5%), car break-ins (4%) and lack of information (4%) were barriers or impediments to their use of the area. The respondents who did mention barriers or impediments to the use of Auburn SRA would use the area an average of nineteen additional days per year if such barriers or impediments were dealt with.

The response to the question on visitor's issues and concerns was low indicating that there were few issues or concerns. The most prevalent issue or threat for survey respondents was the possible Auburn Dam and the importance of preserving the area in its current natural state (8%). Recent car break-ins and theft in parking areas and the need for trail improvements was mentioned by two percent of respondents, respectively.

The majority of visitors think that more emphasis should be placed on protecting natural and cultural resources (66% and 51% respectively). This is followed closely by buying additional parkland (49%), maintaining park and recreation areas (47%) and improving existing facilities (46%). Respondents' tendency towards less emphasis on building new facilities is consistent with the visitors' overriding desire to protect the natural integrity of the area.

The experience that approximately seventy percent of visitors indicate is extremely important to them at Auburn SRA is the opportunity to experience the natural quiet and beauty of nature (72%) and the opportunity to reduce stress and get refreshed (68%). Other experiences that were rated high in the extremely important category were the chance to get physical exercise, which goes hand in hand with the opportunity to reduce stress and get refreshed as well as any experience underscoring the importance of a backyard "wilderness" to Auburn SRA visitors, such as the chance to get away from people and experience solitude, the chance to explore and see new things and the chance to get away from roads and trails to have a wilderness-type experience. The opportunity to see and meet new people, the chance to seek thrills and excitement, and the opportunity to take some risks and challenges were least important to most survey respondents.

In general, visitors are satisfied with the quality of their recreation experience and the facilities and services at Auburn SRA, especially in comparison with other nearby recreation areas. A very large majority (80%) of survey respondents is satisfied or very satisfied with the facilities and services at Auburn SRA.

Introduction

The Auburn State Recreation Area (Auburn SRA) survey was undertaken to provide visitor information to help inform the General Plan/Interim Resource Management Plan. The survey will provide one source of visitor data, which will assist in planning and management decisions and recommendations for the development of the Plan. This report presents the findings from the 2006 Auburn SRA visitor survey. The report begins with a summary of the key findings from this survey defining the visitors and their use, values and expectations for Auburn SRA. The summary is followed by a description of the survey methodology, data analysis methods and limitations. In a results section, findings from each question asked are summarized and then presented in table format. Where data is similar and comparable, 2003 California statewide and Folsom Lake SRA survey data are compared to the Auburn SRA survey findings using bar charts. Appendices contain the survey schedules, the survey instrument, the survey instructions and the categorized answers to open-ended questions.

Survey Methodology and Data Analysis Methods

Methodology

During the 2006 primary recreation season, volunteers and Auburn SRA staff were given a set of surveying instructions (Appendix C) and stationed at popular trailheads, lake and river access points, campgrounds and Mammoth Bar OHV area to hand out questionnaires (Appendix A) to visitors of the recreation area. The survey schedule took into account various weeks, days of the week, times of day, activities and locations (Appendix B). Visitors were asked to fill out the survey on-site and hand them back to the interviewer. When survey respondents were unable to fill out the survey on-site, they were given the option to mail or hand-carry the filled-out survey to Park headquarters.

Based upon statistical sampling models and formulas, it was predetermined that five hundred useable surveys were needed to help assure a 95% confidence level. Five

hundred and twenty eight (528) useable surveys were completed during fifty-three different survey days during the months of May through October 2006 (Table 1).

Table 1. Number of surveys by survey months		
Survey months:	Number of surveys	Percentage
May 2006	190	36%
June 2006	136	26%
July 2006	77	15%
August 2006	53	10%
September 2006	20	4%
October 2006	21	4%
Other (no survey date mentioned)	31	6%
Total	528	100%

Table 2 shows the number of completed surveys for each of the different survey locations. Almost one half (47%) of all surveys were completed at the Confluence area, which receives a majority of the use during the summer recreation season and offers a variety of different trailheads. Other survey locations included upper and lower Lake Clementine, several locations along the North and Middle Forks of the American River, the Cool and Auburn Staging Areas and Forest Hill Road (Drivers Flat and Grizzly Bear).

Table 2. Number of surveys by survey locations		
Survey Locations:	Number of surveys	Percentage
Confluence Area	247	47%
Confluence	88	17%
Confluence (Stagecoach)	66	13%

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Survey Locations:	Number of surveys	Percentage
Confluence (No-Hands Bridge)	34	6%
Confluence (Clementine Trailhead)	30	6%
Quarry Trailhead	20	4%
Highway 49-.52	9	2%
Lake Clementine	74	14%
Upper Lake Clementine	55	10%
Lower Lake Clementine	19	4%
North Fork Area	60	11%
Mineral Bar	24	5%
Ponderosa Crossing	20	4%
Yankee Jims	12	2%
North Fork/Iowa Hill Bridge	4	1%
Cool Staging Area	47	9%
Middle Fork Area	36	7%
Mammoth Bar	25	5%
Middle Fork/Oxbow Reservoir	7	1%
Ruck-a-Chucky	4	1%
Auburn Staging Area	24	5%
Forest Hill Road (Drivers Flat & Grizzly Bear)	6	1%
Other (no survey location mentioned)	34	6%
Total	528	100%

Data Analysis Methods

As the data was gathered, it was entered into the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) for analysis. After the complete data was entered, frequencies were run for the generation of descriptive statistics. For each question or variable in the survey, the overall percentages, averages, modes and ranges (where applicable) are presented in table and/or chart form.

Appendix C contains the complete list of categorized responses to open-ended questions. Each response to an open-ended question was grouped into a category with similar responses, counted and then the categories were prioritized based upon frequency of mention. The most often mentioned responses to open-ended questions are presented in table format, similar to the closed-ended (multiple choice type questions), in the results section of this report. In general, open-ended questions elicit the strongest and most important responses of visitors. They also lead to a relatively wide range of detailed responses and give the respondents an opportunity to express their opinion on important issues in their own words.

Limitations

Trail users (hikers, joggers, mountain bikers and equestrians) are likely to have a slightly higher representation in this survey sample than other user groups (i.e., rafters, kayakers, OHV users). For OHV users this is due to the flooding and closure of the OHV area that limited the numbers of OHV users available for surveying. For rafters, many were clients of commercial operators, who had paid for a limited time experience on the river. As such and with no long-term vested interest in the area, many did not want to or simply did not have the time to fill out a survey before their shuttle bus left the area. Combined with this was the limited time for surveying that the survey schedule allowed for and staff and volunteers to find and obtain surveys from the limited number of willing respondents.

Results

This section of the report summarizes the results of the Auburn SRA visitor survey conducted during the months of May through October 2006. Five hundred and twenty eight (528) useable surveys were completed. The results section is divided into six subsections describing visitor characteristics, visitor values, recreation use (amount and patterns), desired recreation experiences, visitor satisfaction and recreation issues. Some of the questions in the survey were modeled after the 2003 Folsom SRA visitor survey to allow for a direct comparison of visitor perceptions and preferences at both recreation areas. Where appropriate, a comparison of the 2003 California statewide survey was included.

Visitor Characteristics

This section of the report presents the demographic data collected in the visitor survey, including respondents' county of residence, how far they live from Auburn SRA, their gender, age, level of education, ethnic background, and household income.

Table 3 reveals survey respondents' county of residence. The original question asked for visitors' zip codes at their home. An online zip code lookup helped translate zip codes into counties (Langenberg.com). Respondents' individual cities of residence can be found in Appendix D. The table shows that almost one half (48%) of survey respondents were from Placer County. Thirteen percent lived in Sacramento County, followed by 12% who lived in El Dorado County.

Table 3: County of residence (Q.30)	
County:	Percentage ¹
Placer County	48%
Sacramento County	13%
El Dorado County	12%

Table 3: County of residence (Q.30)	
County:	Percentage ¹
Nevada County	4%
Yolo County	2%
Santa Clara County	2%

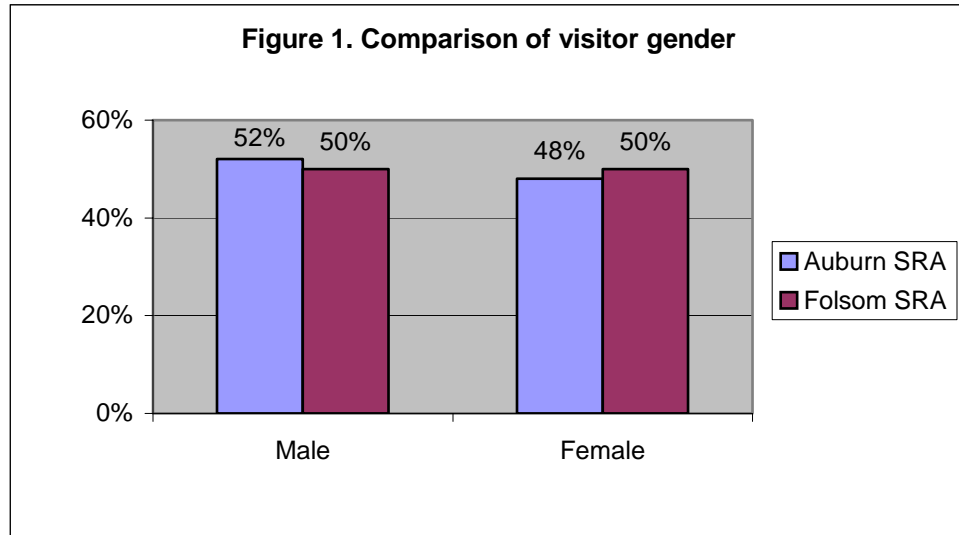
¹Percentages include most frequently mentioned responses. For a full list of categorized responses to this question including respondents' hometowns, please see Appendix D.

Visitors were asked how far they lived from Auburn SRA. Table 4 indicates that a majority of survey respondents (68%) live within a 25-mile radius of Auburn SRA, while eighty-eight percent (88%) live within 100 miles of the area. Only four percent traveled 250 miles or more. This makes Auburn SRA very much a local and somewhat a regional destination. It further underscores the importance that Auburn SRA holds for local communities and the region as the area that attracts and holds residents.

Table 4: Travel distance from ASRA (Q.31)	
Distance:	Percentage
Less than 5 miles	25%
5-10 miles	17%
11-25 miles	26%
26-100 miles	20%
101-250 miles	8%
250+ miles	4%

Male (52%) and female (48%) Auburn SRA visitor survey respondents were almost equally distributed (Table 5). These demographics are very similar to the 2003 Folsom SRA visitor survey, where exactly one half of the respondents were males and one half were females (Figure 1).

Table 5: Gender Distribution (Q.32)		
	Male	Female
Percentage	52%	48%

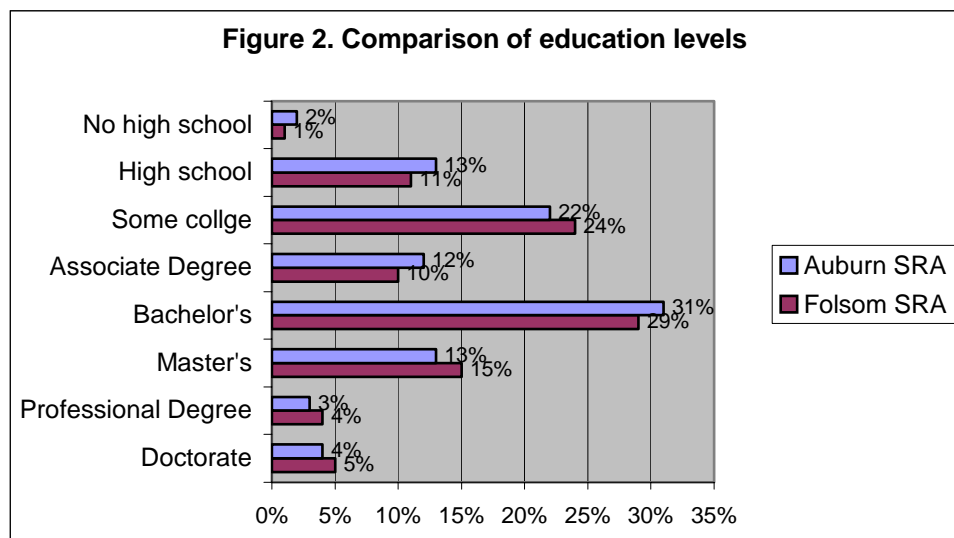


Survey respondents included a wide age range (14 to 90 years of age) with a relatively young adult average age of forty-three (Table 6). The average age for 2003 Folsom SRA survey respondents was forty-two, which is almost identical with the Auburn SRA visitors.

Table 6: Age distribution (Q.33)		
	Average	Range
Age	43	14-90

The majority of visitors (85%) are college-educated. Only two percent of survey respondents have not graduated from high school (Table 7). Again, this data is very similar to the findings of the 2003 Folsom SRA visitor survey (Figure 2).

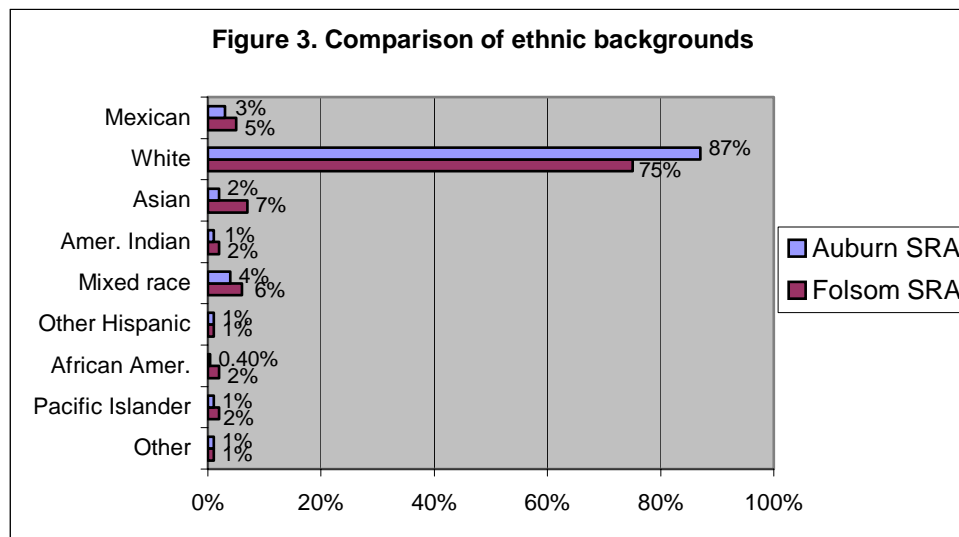
Table 7: Level of education (Q.34)	
Grade level:	Percentage
Did not graduate high school	2%
High school graduate	13%
Some college but no degree	22%
Associate degree	12%
Bachelor's degree	31%
Master's degree	13%
Professional degree	3%
Doctorate degree	4%



A great majority of survey respondents' ethnic background was white (87%). Only four percent of respondents indicated that they were of a mixed racial background. Three percent were Hispanic of Mexican descent, two percent were Asian and one percent each were American Indian/Alaskan Native and Hispanic of non-Mexican descent (Table 8). In comparison, the 2003 Folsom SRA visitor survey sample consisted of seventy-five

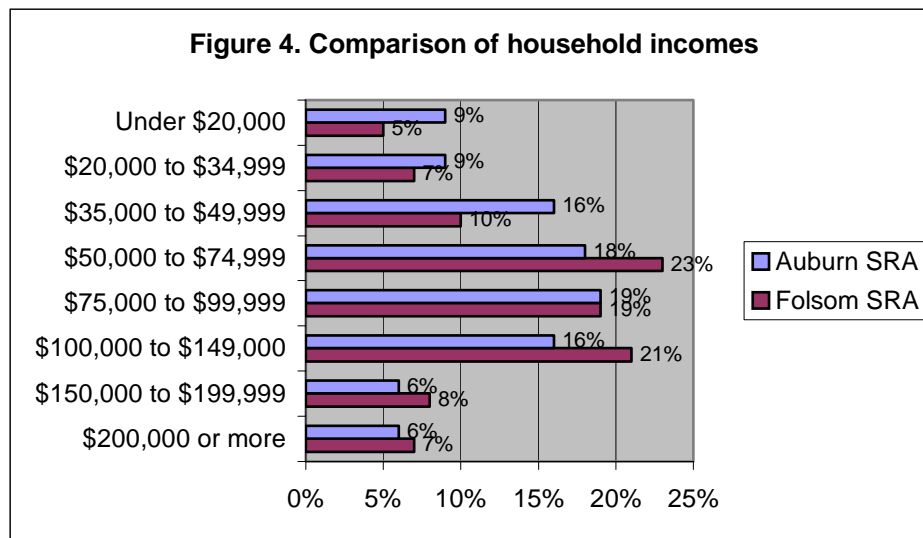
percent (75%) of respondents who were white. Survey respondents with other ethnic backgrounds had a higher representation at Folsom than at Auburn SRA (Figure 3).

Table 8: Racial or ethnic background (Q.35)	
Ethnic background:	Percentage
Hispanic or Latino of Mexican descent	3%
White	87%
Asian	2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	1%
Mixed race	4%
Other Hispanic or Latino, e.g., Guatemalan	1%
Black or African American	<1%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	1%
Some other race	1%



The total annual household income reported most often by survey respondents was \$75,000 to \$99,999 (19%). Annual household incomes under \$35,000 and \$150,000 and higher were least common (Table 9). In general, the average annual household income of both Auburn SRA visitors and Folsom SRA visitors is relatively high (Figure 4).

Table 9: Annual household income (Q.36)	
Household income:	Percentage
Under \$20,000	9%
\$20,000 to \$34,999	9%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	16%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	18%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	19%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	16%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	6%
\$200,000 or more	6%

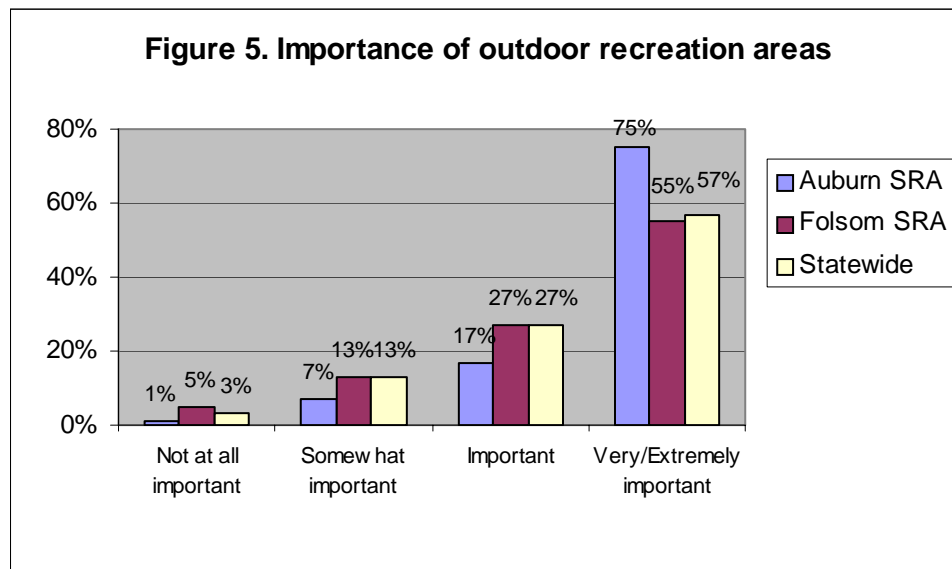


Visitor Values

During meetings with staff, volunteers and different user groups prior to the administration of the visitor survey, it became apparent that Auburn SRA is truly unique and of special value to many recreation users. Several of the questions in the survey were included to get a better sense of Auburn SRA's level of importance to its visitors and the reasons why many Auburn SRA visitors seem to have a strong attachment to the area.

Table 10 shows that virtually all visitors (99%) consider Auburn SRA important to them. Three quarters (75%) of survey respondents indicated that Auburn SRA was extremely or very important to them. In comparison, significantly fewer respondents (55% and 57%, respectively) rated the importance of outdoor recreation areas and facilities as very important in the 2003 Folsom SRA and California statewide visitor surveys.

Table 10: Rating of the importance of ASRA (Q.1)					
	Not at all important	Somewhat important	Important	Very important	Extremely important
Percentage	1%	7%	17%	20%	55%



Note: The Folsom SRA and the California statewide survey did not include an "extremely important" category. Therefore, the "very important" and "extremely important" categories were combined to allow for a comparison with Auburn SRA visitors.

Table 11 presents the main reasons why Auburn SRA is important to its visitors. Although presented as separate categories in the table to preserve slight differences between response types, a combined 57% of respondents indicated that the beauty, nature and unspoiled character of the area were the main reasons why Auburn SRA was important to them. Forty two percent (42%) of survey respondents mentioned the opportunity to participate in their favorite outdoor recreation activity and the wide variety of outdoor recreation opportunities available at Auburn SRA. In summary, the natural beauty of the area and the diversity of recreation opportunities available, including the extensive trail system, are essentially of equal importance to visitors of the recreation area.

Table 11: Reasons why ASRA is important (Q.2)	
Importance:	Percentage ¹
Outdoor recreation activities/Wide variety of recreation/Multi-use facility/Offers diversity	42%
Beauty/Aesthetics/Scenery	17%
Nature/Ecology/Wildlife/Native vegetation/ Preservation of nature, river, wildlife	16%
River/Water/River canyon/Lake/Staying cool	14%
Great place for families/Friends/Fun/People	14%
Close to home/Convenient/Backyard/Close to town/Live in Auburn/Local	12%
Trails/Trail system	11%
Undeveloped/Natural/Unspoiled/Pristine/Wild/Preserved place in an area of massive development	10%

¹1,075 total responses were recorded. Percentages include most frequently mentioned responses. For a full list of categorized responses to this question, please see Appendix D.

Visitors were asked what they thought was unique or special about Auburn SRA compared to other areas within a 100-mile radius to further deepen the understanding of visitors' attachment to Auburn SRA and to allow for a comparison with other nearby recreation areas. The responses revealed that for 35% of the visitors surveyed, the American River, the river canyons and the confluence of the North and Middle Forks

were unique compared to other areas. Twenty one percent of respondents indicated that Auburn SRA's convenient location, being so close to their home, was unique. Many respondents considered the recreation area their backyard. The beautiful scenery and views were mentioned by 20% of respondents, followed by 19% of respondents who thought that the great trails and the extensive trail system made the area unique (Table 12). Again, if we combine response categories, two thirds (66%) of visitors said that the natural, wild beauty of the area and river made it unique and special.

Table 12: Uniqueness of ASRA compared with other regional recreation areas (Q.7)	
Uniqueness:	Percentage ¹
River/Confluence of rivers/River canyons/Rapids/ Clean and clear water/Waterfalls/Riparian habitat	35%
Close to home/Close to Auburn/Close to restaurants/Local/Location/Convenience	21%
Beauty/Scenery/Scenic Views	20%
Great trails/Extensive trail system/Variety of trails/Single-track trails	19%
Variety of recreation opportunities/Diversity of activities/Best mountain bike terrain/Beautiful hiking area/Boating/Multi-use area	16%
Easy access/Access/Accessibility/Public land access	13%
Good facilities/Plenty of parking/Well maintained/Clean/Unique care and involvement/Friendly staff/Great volunteers	12%
Wild area/Rural setting/Not developed/Not commercial/Unchanged/Non-motorized	11%

¹1,075 total responses were recorded. Percentages include most frequently mentioned responses. For a full list of categorized responses to this question, please see Appendix D.

The sheer number of responses to the open-ended questions summarized in Tables 11 and 12 above (2,150 responses for both questions) is another indication of how strongly visitors feel about and value Auburn SRA.

During pre-survey meetings with different recreation user groups, Auburn SRA staff and volunteers, it became evident that many residents of the area had either moved to or stayed in the Auburn area because of their strong attachment to Auburn SRA. Almost one

half (49%) of survey respondents indicated that they had moved to or remained in this area in order to be close to and use Auburn SRA (Table 13).

Table 13: Respondents who moved to or remained in this part of the state to be close to ASRA (Q.8)			
	Yes	No	Not applicable
Percentage	49%	30%	21%

Recreation Use

This section of the report describes current amount and patterns of recreation use at Auburn SRA and in comparison with other recreation areas, activities survey respondents participated in at Auburn SRA during the past 12 months and activities they will likely participate in during the next five years.

Survey respondents visited Auburn SRA an average of thirty-five times for recreation purposes during the last 12 months (Table 14). This number is relatively high in comparison to other recreation areas and highlights the importance of Auburn SRA to local residents of the area. Many visitors visit the area several times a week throughout most of the year. The 2003 Folsom SRA visitor survey results showed that the average number of visits to Folsom SRA during the past 12 months was twenty-seven. On average, survey respondents first visited ASRA thirteen years ago. The average visitor group consists of five people. Survey respondents stayed an average of 7.6 hours at Auburn SRA. The large majority of survey respondents were day users. Overnight use of Auburn SRA is relatively low due to the limited number of available campsites.

Table 14: Visitation Patterns (Q.3-6)			
	Average	Mode	Range
Q.3: Including this visit, approximately how many times did you visit ASRA for recreation purposes during the last 12 months?	35	1	1-300

Table 14: Visitation Patterns (Q.3-6)			
	Average	Mode	Range
Q.4: How many years ago did you first visit ASRA?	13	10	0-72
Q.5: Including yourself, how many people are visiting ASRA with you today?	5	2	1-43
Q.6: Please estimate how many hours you will spend at ASRA on this visit?	7.6	4	0.5-240

Visitors were asked what areas of Auburn SRA they were visiting on the day of the survey (Table 15). The location mentioned most often by survey respondents was Lake Clementine (15%), followed by the Confluence (13%) and river areas in general (12%). The Stagecoach, Olmstead loop, Lake Clementine and Quarry Road trails were other popular recreation areas within Auburn SRA. A follow-up question (Table 16) asked visitors which areas they usually visited and most respondents (9%) answered that the areas in Table 15 were indeed their usual areas. Seven percent of the respondents also mentioned that they used the whole trail system at Auburn SRA.

Table 15: ASRA areas visited on the day of the survey (Q.9)	
Areas:	Percentage ¹
Lake Clementine (Upper and Lower)	15%
Confluence area	13%
River/All areas by river/All up and down river	12%
Stagecoach trail/Upper Stagecoach trail	8%
Olmstead/Knickerbocker loop	8%
Lake Clementine trail	7%
Quarry Road trail	5%

¹737 total responses were recorded. ¹Percentages include most frequently mentioned responses. For a full list of categorized responses to this question, please see Appendix D.

Table 16: Usual areas visited (Q.10)	
Areas:	Percentage ¹
These are the areas I usually visit (see Q.9)	9%
First time/Live elsewhere/Not applicable	7%
Confluence area	6%
Trails/All of the trails	6%
Lake Clementine (Upper and Lower)	5%

604 total responses were recorded. ¹Percentages include most frequently mentioned responses. For a full list of categorized responses to this question, please see Appendix D.

Visitors were asked to point out their favorite area to visit at Auburn SRA (Table 17). Once again, survey respondents mentioned the Confluence (14%), the American River in general (14%) and Lake Clementine (13%) most often. Another favorite was the variety of trails available at Auburn SRA. Auburn SRA's water resources (both Lake Clementine and the American River) and the extensive trail system it offers clearly surfaced as features that are extremely important to visitors. It is worth noting that many of the survey respondents said that they do not necessarily have a favorite area, but that they enjoy the park as a whole and value all the areas at Auburn SRA equally.

Table 17: Favorite areas to visit at ASRA (Q.11)	
Areas:	Percentage ¹
Confluence area	14%
River/Any of the river areas/Beaches/Swimming holes	14%
Lake Clementine (Upper and Lower)	13%
All areas/Everywhere	6%
Trails/All trails	5%
Stagecoach trail/Upper Stagecoach trail	5%

651 total responses were recorded. ¹Percentages include most frequently mentioned responses. For a full list of categorized responses to this question, please see Appendix D.

Table 18 shows that survey respondents spent an average of \$75 on their visit to Auburn SRA on the day of the survey. This is slightly lower than the usual amount of \$93 they spent when visiting Auburn SRA. The amounts mentioned most often by survey respondents were \$10 spent on this visit and \$20 usually spent when visiting Auburn SRA.

Table 18: ASRA Trip Expenditures (Q.16)			
	Average	Mode	Range
Q.16a: Please estimate how much money you will spend on this visit to ASRA. Include transportation costs to and from home, food and beverage expenses, equipment purchased for this visit, fees, outfitter charges, supplies, etc.	\$75	\$10	\$0-2,000
Q.16b: If this is not the average amount you usually spend per visit to ASRA, estimate the usual amount you spend	\$93	\$20	\$0-2,500

Table 19 indicates that 68% of survey respondents participated in trail hiking at ASRA during the past 12 months, followed closely by walking for fitness and fun (62%), swimming/sunbathing (58%), picnicking (45%) and driving for pleasure/sightseeing (39%). When we look at the average number of days participated in recreation activities during the past 12 months, we can see that respondents participated 54 days, on average, in jogging and fitness running at ASRA. Horseback riding is second in terms of number of days of participation (47 days), followed by walking for fitness and fun (44 days), wildlife viewing/bird watching (32 days) and trail hiking (29 days).

Table 19: Total number of days of participation in recreation activities at ASRA during the past 12 months (Q.17)				
Recreation activities	Number participating	Percent participating	Range (in days)	Average (# of days)
Trail hiking	332	68%	1-300	29
Walking for fitness and fun	303	62%	1-364	44
Swimming/sunbathing	284	58%	1-300	21
Picnicking	221	45%	1-200	12
Driving for pleasure/sightseeing	190	39%	1-365	24
Jogging and fitness running	155	32%	1-360	54
Mountain biking	154	31%	1-250	25

Nature study	152	31%	1-365	25
Camping	150	31%	1-150	10
Wildlife viewing/bird watching	137	28%	1-365	32
Whitewater rafting	136	28%	1-100	7
Interpretive hikes	88	18%	1-250	11
River fishing	86	18%	1-100	17
Bicycling on paved surfaces	82	17%	1-200	22
Historical/cultural resource study	73	15%	1-365	14
Off-road vehicle use	67	14%	1-200	18
Horseback riding	65	13%	1-270	47
Whitewater kayaking	63	13%	1-60	8
Lake fishing	58	12%	1-150	15
Flatwater kayaking & canoeing	58	12%	1-40	7
Rock climbing	57	12%	1-100	9
Recreational mineral collection	51	10%	1-90	9
Motorized boating	49	10%	1-50	11
Caving	47	10%	1-20	4
Water-skiing/wakeboarding	46	9%	1-100	12
Personal watercraft (Jet skiing)	23	5%	1-30	5
Hunting	17	4%	1-80	16
Orienteering/geo-caching	17	4%	1-50	6
Sailing	11	2%	1-30	7
Other	25	5%	1-365	34

Table 20 shows that 19% of respondents selected trail hiking as their most important and second most important activities while visiting Auburn SRA. For sixteen percent of respondents, swimming and sunbathing was the most important activity, followed by walking for fitness and fun and mountain biking (11% each).

Table 20: Most important activities during visits to ASRA (Q.18)					
Most important activity	Percentage ¹	Second most important activity	Percentage	Third most important activity	Percentage
Trail hiking	19%	Trail hiking	19%	Swimming/sun-bathing	14%
Swimming/sun-bathing	16%	Walking for fitness and fun	13%	Trail hiking	11%
Walking for fitness and fun	11%	Swimming/sun-bathing	11%	Picnicking	10%

Table 20: Most important activities during visits to ASRA (Q.18)					
Most important activity	Percentage ¹	Second most important activity	Percentage	Third most important activity	Percentage
Mountain biking	11%	Jogging and fitness running	6%	Walking for fitness and fun	10%
Horseback riding	8%	Camping	6%	Wildlife viewing/bird watching	6%
Jogging and fitness running	8%	Whitewater rafting	5%	Mountain biking	5%
Whitewater rafting	6%	Mountain biking	5%	Camping	5%
Camping	4%	Nature study	4%	Driving for pleasure/sight-seeing	4%
Whitewater kayaking	3%	Driving for pleasure/sight-seeing	3%	Nature study	3%
Off-road vehicle use	3%	Bicycling on paved surfaces	3%	Bicycling on paved surfaces	3%
River fishing	2%	Lake fishing	3%	Flatwater kayaking & canoeing	3%

¹Percentages include most frequently mentioned responses. For a full list of responses to this question, please see Appendix D.

To get a better idea of possible future activity trends at Auburn SRA, visitors were asked to select the activities that they will most likely participate in during the next five years. When we compare the results in Table 21 with the results from Table 20, we can see that the order of importance for future visitor activities is very similar to visitors' current activities at Auburn SRA. One observation that can be made from Table 21 is that mountain biking moved up a few spots in the "second most likely activity to participate in" column. This means that mountain biking is likely to be an activity participated in by a growing number of Auburn SRA recreationists in the near future. Another observation is that motorized boating (column one) and flatwater kayaking and canoeing (column two) surfaced as potential future activities.

Table 21: Most likely activities to participate in during the next five years (Q.19)					
Most likely activity to participate in next 5 years	Percentage ¹	Second most likely activity to participate in next 5 years	Percentage	Third most likely activity to participate in next 5 years	Percentage
Trail hiking	16%	Trail hiking	18%	Walking for fitness and fun	11%
Swimming/sun-bathing	14%	Swimming/sun-bathing	10%	Swimming/sun-bathing	11%
Walking for fitness and fun	11%	Walking for fitness and fun	9%	Trail hiking	11%
Mountain biking	10%	Mountain biking	8%	Picnicking	9%
Jogging and fitness running	9%	Camping	6%	Wildlife viewing/bird watching	6%
Horseback riding	9%	Whitewater rafting	6%	Mountain biking	5%
Whitewater rafting	6%	Picnicking	5%	Driving for pleasure/sight-seeing	5%
Whitewater kayaking	5%	Nature study	5%	Whitewater rafting	5%
Camping	4%	Bicycling on paved surfaces	3%	Flatwater kayaking & canoeing	4%
Off-road vehicle use	3%	Lake fishing	3%	Jogging and fitness running	3%
Motorized boating	2%	Flatwater kayaking & canoeing	3%	Camping	3%

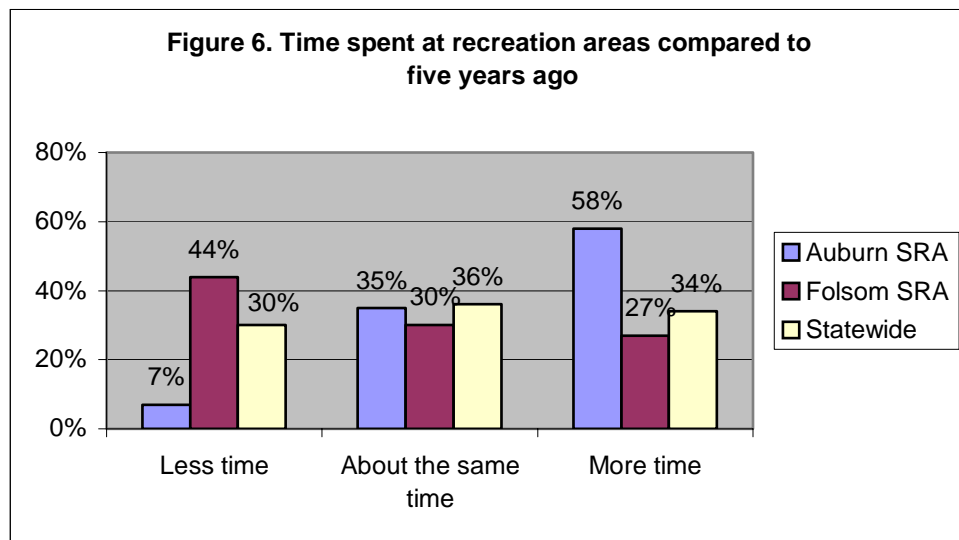
¹Percentages include most frequently mentioned responses. For a full list of responses to this question, please see Appendix D.

Survey respondents were asked how much time they had spent visiting Auburn SRA in the last 12 months compared to five years ago. Table 22 shows that over one half (58%) of respondents spent more time this past year than 5 years ago. This number is significant, especially compared with other recreation areas in the region. Only twenty-seven (27%) and thirty-four percent (34%) of the 2003 Folsom SRA and California statewide survey respondents, respectively, indicated that they spent more time in outdoor recreation activities now than they did five years ago (Figure 6). In fact, 40% of

Folsom visitors and 30% of statewide visitors spent less time compared to only 7% for Auburn. This shows an overall decrease in time spent at Folsom and no change statewide compared to a large increase at Auburn.

Table 22: Time spent visiting ASRA in the last 12 months compared to five years ago (Q.20)

	More time this past year than 5 years ago	About the same time	Less time this past year than 5 years ago
Percentage	58%	35%	7%



Note: The Folsom SRA and California statewide visitors were asked about spending time in outdoor recreation activities in general, whereas Auburn SRA visitors were asked specifically about Auburn SRA.

The following two tables show that survey respondents are generally very active recreationists not only at Auburn SRA but also at other recreation areas in the region. Approximately one half (51%) of respondents indicated that they had used other nearby recreation areas at least once a month or more often during the past 12 months (Table 23a). In general, respondents used a wide variety of regional recreation areas and participated in many different activities (Table 23b and Appendix C). The areas most often mentioned were Lake Tahoe and the Tahoe National Forest (22%) and Folsom Lake SRA including Lake Natoma (17%).

Table 23a: Frequency of use of other regional recreation areas during the past 12 months (Q.21)					
	Two or more times per week	About once a month	Once or twice a month	Several times a year	Once or twice a year
Percentage	14%	18%	19%	27%	21%

Table 23b: Other areas visited and recreation activities participated in: (Q.21)	
Areas:	Percentage ¹
Tahoe Area	22%
Folsom Lake State Recreation Area	14%
Bay Area	11%
Grass Valley Area	11%
El Dorado County/El Dorado National Forest Area	8%
South Fork American River	8%
American River/American River Parkway	7%
Auburn/Placer County Area	6%
Placerville Area	4%
Lake Natoma	3%
Sacramento River/Sacramento Valley Area	3%
Mountains/Sierra Nevada/Wilderness Areas	2%
California Coast/Ocean	2%
Northern California	2%
Yosemite Area	2%
Pacific Crest Trail	2%
Coloma/Lotus Area	2%

Plumas County/Plumas National Forest Area	2%
Napa Valley/Sonoma County Area	2%
Sonora/Angels Camp Area	2%

751 total responses were recorded. ¹Percentages include most frequently mentioned responses. For a full list of responses to this question including recreation activities reported, please see Appendix D.

Desired Recreation Experiences

Different recreation users seek different recreation experiences, including everything from wilderness-type experiences without any facilities and services and minimal management presence to urban-type experiences with an abundance of modern facilities and services and high management presence. In most cases, managers cannot and should not attempt to provide all types of recreation experiences at the same location. From a regional perspective, finding and managing for the main niche/s that the area fills is important. Several questions in the visitor survey were asked to provide managers with a better understanding of the type of recreation experiences and level of facility development desired by a majority of Auburn SRA users.

Table 24 shows the level of park facility development that survey respondents would like to see at Auburn SRA. It is evident from the table that a very large majority of Auburn SRA users (87%) either want no additional park facility development or only minor or occasional facility development in the area. Thirteen percent (13%) of visitors would like to see prevalent or extensive development of park facilities.

Table 24: Level of park facility development desired at ASRA (Q.12)						
	Very little/ Rarely developed/ Not developed	Minor/ Seldom developed	Occasionally developed	Prevalently developed	Very prevalently developed	Extensively/ A great deal developed
Percentage	37%	26%	24%	9%	2%	2%

Visitors were asked to name the areas for each park facility they would like to see developed or improved at Auburn SRA. Table 25 shows that for all the facility

development options given in the survey, there was one group of respondents in favor of development of a particular facility, and a second group that was opposed to it (i.e., nine percent of respondents are opposed to the development of additional campsites, whereas four percent are in favor).

Since survey respondents had already indicated that they wanted very little or no development, response rates and percentages for development of any facilities were low. Only a few respondents mentioned specific locations where they would like to see the facilities developed. Lake Clementine (upper and lower) was mentioned by two percent of respondents as potential location for additional campsites and new trails. The Confluence was mentioned by five percent of respondents as a preferred location for more and/or permanent restrooms. The Confluence was also mentioned by three percent of respondents as a good location for picnic areas, and by two percent of respondents as a good location for interpretive signs and a visitor center.

Table 25: Areas where park facility developments or improvements are desired (Q.13)	
Park Facilities:	Percentage ¹
Campsites: (n=148)	
No/Don't develop/Good as they are/All existing need to be kept as natural as possible	9%
Yes/All areas/Extensively	4%
Upper Lake Clementine/Lake Clementine	2%
Few campsites/Maybe in one small area/Rarely developed	1%
Improve/Develop existing campsites/Expand/Add showers, power and running water	1%
By the water/Near the river	1%
Toilets: (n=235)	
Yes/All areas/All over/All trails/Everywhere	9%
No/Good as they are/Enough/No development	6%

Table 25: Areas where park facility developments or improvements are desired (Q.13)	
Park Facilities:	Percentage ¹
Confluence (more/permanent)	5%
All trailheads/At the trailheads only/Parking lots only/ High use areas	4%
Improve existing toilets/New toilets/Flush toilets/All portables replaced/Permanent structures	2%
Stagecoach	1%
Lake Clementine/Lake Clementine boat dock	1%
All areas near river	1%
Ponderosa Bridge	1%
Yankee Jims	1%
New trails: (n=179)	
Yes/All areas/Anywhere/Extensively	9%
No/No development/Keep as natural as possible	8%
Lake Clementine/Around Clementine	2%
A few in high usage areas/Little/Rarely	1%
Sometimes separate bikes and horses/Downhill mountain bike trail/More trails opened to bikes/Mountain bike trail only/More running trails	1%
Confluence area	1%
Along river	1%
Improvements to existing trails: (n=194)	
Yes/All areas/All trails need work/Extensively	9%
No/No improvements necessary/Keep natural	6%
Regular maintenance/Increased maintenance and patrol/ Clean-up/Cut back brush and poison oak/Erosion/Fix ruts in trails	3%

Table 25: Areas where park facility developments or improvements are desired (Q.13)	
Park Facilities:	Percentage ¹
Improve safety/Emergency phones/Split bicycle and horse trails in narrow areas with poor visibility/Widen narrow, curvy trails/Widen to decrease conflicts between bikers, hikers and horses	2%
Road improvements/Drivers Flat Road graded more often/Pave access roads (Upper Lake Clementine)	1%
Along the Confluence	1%
Olmstead/Knickerbocker loop	1%
Direction/information signs: (n=154)	
All areas/Everywhere/Prevalently/Yes	9%
Good as is/Don't develop more/Keep natural	8%
Add to trails/Along trails/At trailheads/At trail junctions	3%
A few more/Where necessary	1%
Better markers with distances/Mile markers/Maps	1%
Confluence	1%
Interpretive signs: (n=111)	
Good as is/No development/Keep it natural	7%
All areas/Everywhere/Prevalently/Yes	4%
Along trails/At trailheads	2%
Confluence area	2%
Historical and cultural information: (n=158)	
All areas/Anywhere/Very prevalently/Yes	9%
Good as is/No development/Keep it natural	6%
Add to trails/At trailheads/More in the same location	3%

Table 25: Areas where park facility developments or improvements are desired (Q.13)	
Park Facilities:	Percentage ¹
At historical places/Old mining camps/Anywhere it occurs	2%
A few/Occasionally/If unobtrusive	1%
Confluence area	1%
Quarry trail	1%
Visitor Center: (n=116)	
No development/Keep natural/Not necessary/Nothing touristy	9%
Somewhere/Yes/Good idea/All areas	4%
At Confluence	2%
Few/One/Maybe a small one	1%
At Ranger Station/ASRA Headquarters	1%
Open Headquarters on weekends/More visible and staffed	1%
Auburn Overlook/Dam Overlook	1%
Picnic areas: (n=151)	
No development/Good as is/Keep it simple/No	7%
All areas/Extensively/Yes	6%
Confluence area	3%
Lake Clementine	1%
Along trails/At trailheads only/Parking areas	1%
Benches/Tables	1%
Other facilities: (n=125)	
Don't change a thing/Happy the way it is/Leave it natural/ No more development/Maintain what we have now	7%

Table 25: Areas where park facility developments or improvements are desired (Q.13)	
Park Facilities:	Percentage ¹
More parking/Improved parking/More space for horse trailers	1%
Drinking water at Quarry parking/Running water at Foresthill Divide loop trail/Drinking water would be nice	1%
Garbage pick-up at Hwy 49 Bridge/Trash cans at Confluence down by the water/Nice bathrooms, water spickets, trash and recycle cans/Electricity	1%
Upper Lake Clementine road improvement/Should be asphalt	1%
Drivers Flat Road needs to be graded/paved to river	1%
Access to more places on the river/Easier access (stairs to river)/Farther beaches	1%
Mammoth Bar boat launch access with vehicle/Pave access/Raft take-out at Mammoth Bar/River access for loading and unloading only	1%

¹Percentages include most frequently mentioned responses. For a full list of categorized responses to this question, please see Appendix D.

Table 26 indicates that a majority of survey respondents (66%) would not use additional campgrounds or picnic areas located away from the water compared to 34% who would. However, one in three visitors who would use these facilities represent a significant and large group of visitors.

Table 26: Willingness to use additional campgrounds and picnic areas located away from the water (Q.14)		
	Yes	No
Percentage	34%	66%

Table 27 indicates the importance of different recreation experiences to survey respondents. Seventy-two and sixty-eight percent of respondents, respectively, indicated that the opportunity to experience the natural quiet and beauty of nature and the opportunity to reduce stress and get refreshed were extremely important to them. This further demonstrates and substantiates what the visitors see as really important and special about Auburn SRA. The opportunity to see and meet new people, the chance to

seek thrills and excitement, and the opportunity to take some risks and challenges were least important to most survey respondents.

Table 27: Rating of the importance of recreation experiences at ASRA (Q.15)					
Experiences:	Not at all important	Slightly important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important
Opportunity to see and meet new people	34%	31%	22%	8%	5%
Chance to get physical exercise	3%	4%	16%	28%	49%
Opportunity to take some risks and challenges	13%	15%	26%	23%	23%
Chance to get away from people and experience solitude	2%	6%	15%	30%	47%
Opportunity to experience the natural quiet & beauty of nature	1%	1%	5%	21%	72%
Chance to seek thrills and excitement	16%	19%	25%	18%	22%
Chance to enjoy friends and family	3%	4%	20%	32%	42%
Chance to explore and see new things	1%	3%	15%	35%	45%
Opportunity to learn about the history or culture of the area	8%	18%	31%	24%	19%
Opportunity to test your skills and abilities	9%	16%	25%	24%	26%
Chance to get away from roads and trails to have a wilderness-type experience	4%	7%	16%	25%	48%
Opportunity to reduce stress and get refreshed	1%	1%	5%	26%	68%
Opportunity to relax and not do anything	9%	13%	19%	17%	43%
Chance to visit a safe and comfortable area in the outdoors	5%	6%	13%	26%	49%

Visitor Satisfaction

Several questions were included in the survey to measure visitors' satisfaction with the quality of their recreation experience and the facilities and services at Auburn SRA and in comparison with other nearby recreation areas.

Table 28 shows that a majority of visitors (68%) rated their recreation experience very good, above average or unique or special compared to nearby recreation areas. Only 5% of survey respondents indicated that their experience at Auburn SRA was below average in comparison with other areas within 100 miles.


Table 28. Rating of the quality of recreation experience at ASRA compared to other areas (Q.23)	
Rating:	Percentage 
Average/typical of other areas within 100 miles	27%
Below average compared to other areas within 100 miles	5%
Slightly above average compared to other areas within 100 miles	17%
Very good compared to other areas within 100 miles	28%
Special/unique compared to other areas within 100 miles	23%

Table 29 shows that a very large majority (80%) of survey respondents is satisfied or very satisfied with the facilities and services at Auburn SRA. Again, this is consistent with the visitors' desire for very limited or no new development of facilities. A comparison of visitors' satisfaction with facilities and services at other nearby parks and recreation areas (Table 30) reveals that the response rates in both tables are almost identical. Seventy-nine percent (79%) of survey respondents are satisfied or very satisfied with facilities and services at other areas within 100 miles of Auburn SRA.

Table 29: Level of satisfaction with facilities and services at ASRA (Q.25)					
	Not at all satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Satisfied	Very satisfied	Don't know
Percentage	1%	17%	37%	43%	2%

Table 30: Level of satisfaction with facilities and services at other regional recreation areas (Q.22)					
	Not at all satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Satisfied	Very satisfied	Don't know
Percentage	2%	16%	39%	40%	4%

Table 31a shows how survey respondents rated the adequacy of nineteen different facilities and services at Auburn SRA. In general, visitors gave very positive ratings for the facilities and services. The highest ratings in the “very adequate” and “somewhat adequate” categories were given for cleanliness of the area/facilities (81%), sense of personal safety (79%) and hiking and jogging trails (76%). The highest ratings in the “somewhat inadequate” and “very inadequate” categories were given for restroom facilities (40%), trail signs and information kiosks (30%), education/interpretive programs and facilities (signs, visitor center, etc.) (29%), and trail maintenance (26%).

Table 31a: Rating of recreation facilities and services at ASRA (Q.24)					
Types of Facilities and Services:	Very Adequate	Somewhat Adequate	Somewhat Inadequate	Very Inadequate	No Opinion
Park rangers and other law enforcement	36%	28%	10%	9%	17%
Cleanliness of the area/facilities	41%	40%	13%	3%	2%
Education/interpretive programs and facilities (signs, visitor center, etc.)	18%	28%	21%	8%	26%
Restroom facilities	21%	33%	27%	13%	7%
Trail signs and information kiosks	22%	40%	22%	8%	9%
Mountain bike trails	33%	23%	7%	2%	34%
Hiking and jogging trails	52%	24%	7%	2%	14%
Trailhead staging/parking areas and facilities	35%	34%	16%	5%	9%
Equestrian trails	23%	20%	5%	2%	50%
Off-highway vehicle trails	17%	14%	6%	4%	59%

Table 31a: Rating of recreation facilities and services at ASRA (Q.24)					
Types of Facilities and Services:	Very Adequate	Somewhat Adequate	Somewhat Inadequate	Very Inadequate	No Opinion
Trail maintenance	27%	34%	18%	8%	14%
Number and quality of campsites	11%	18%	14%	5%	51%
River access points and facilities	28%	33%	12%	7%	20%
Number of boat slips at Clementine	11%	10%	4%	4%	71%
Number of individual picnic sites	11%	24%	16%	7%	43%
Number of group picnic sites	11%	16%	15%	6%	52%
Location and information at Park Headquarters	16%	24%	11%	5%	44%
Maps and visitor information	17%	28%	16%	8%	30%
Sense of personal safety	38%	41%	9%	3%	9%
Other (name) ¹	21%	5%	11%	53%	11%

¹For a breakdown of responses in the “other” category, please refer to table Q.24b

Table 31b breaks down responses for the “other” category from Table 31a above. Ten respondents rated facilities and services as very inadequate. Of the ten respondents in this category, three thought that security at staging areas was very inadequate and two mentioned that fees were inadequate.

Table 31b: Rating of other recreation facilities and services at ASRA (Q.24)	
Types of Facilities and Services:	Frequencies
Very adequate:	4
Number of rocks	1
All the new facilities for rafting	1
Not ruined by oil from boats and Jet skis	1

Table 31b: Rating of other recreation facilities and services at ASRA (Q.24)	
Types of Facilities and Services:	Frequencies
Peace and quiet	1
Somewhat adequate:	1
Remote river experience	1
Somewhat inadequate:	2
Downhill mountain bike trails	1
Parking	1
Very inadequate:	10
Autos broken into/Break-ins of unattended vehicles/Security at staging areas	3
High fees/Free	2
Boating safety	1
Bridge at Ponderosa	1
BBQ area on rocks only in marked area	1
Oxbow Reservoir	1
Policing of nude beach – does not cater to a family setting	1
No opinion:	2

¹The “other” category consists of 19 rated responses

Recreation Issues

This section of the report points out any recreation issues, concerns, problems or opportunities that are of importance to survey respondents. Many of the survey questions in this section were open-ended, providing respondents with the opportunity to express their concerns and preferences in more detail.

Relatively few respondents found barriers to the use of Auburn SRA. In fact, the most significant response (ranging from 10-13%) in all categories was “no barrier/impediment”. Some respondents felt that the lack of parking (5%), potential future

fees (5%), car break-ins (4%) and lack of information (4%) were barriers or impediments to their use of the area (Table 32). The respondents who did mention barriers or impediments to the use of ASRA would use the area an average of nineteen additional days per year if such barriers or impediments were dealt with and improvements to facilities and services were made (Table 33).

Table 32: Barriers or impediments to the use of ASRA (Q.26)	
Barrier/Impediment:	Percentage ¹
Activity/facility not available: (n=125)	
No barrier/impediment	11%
Not enough kayak put-in spots/Access to put-ins/take-outs	2%
Not enough bathrooms	1%
Not enough picnic sites/No picnic area at Clementine	1%
No access to river below Confluence	1%
No bridge at Coffer Dam	1%
Not enough trails	1%
Lack of public transportation: (n=108)	
No barrier/impediment	12%
No public transportation/Bus routes	2%
Few or poor road access to many trails/areas	1%
Crowding and conflict: (n=158)	
No barrier/impediment	12%
Can be crowded/Summer gridlock/On weekends	3%
Lack of parking/Not enough parking on peak days	2%
Conflict with mountain bikers on narrow trails	2%

Table 32: Barriers or impediments to the use of ASRA (Q.26)	
Barrier/Impediment:	Percentage ¹
Drinking/Partying in certain areas	2%
Crowding at Confluence (weekends)	1%
Crowding at Lake Clementine (weekends)	1%
Cost or fees: (n=115)	
No barrier/impediment	11%
Would be a concern if fees are implemented/Keep free	5%
If you charge, spend the money on Park	1%
Fees are too high for the facilities available	1%
Lack of information: (n=109)	
No barrier/impediment	11%
Could use more information/Hard to find information/ Easier to use internet site/Need better trail signs/maps	4%
Lack of parking: (n=166)	
No barrier/impediment	10%
Need more parking	5%
Crowded on weekends/in the summer	2%
Maybe some days/Not much parking, but ok	2%
Confluence on weekends/peak times	2%
Poor parking/Difficult to use	2%
Lake Clementine access area	1%
Lack of safety: (n=133)	
No barrier/impediment	13%

Table 32: Barriers or impediments to the use of ASRA (Q.26)	
Barrier/Impediment:	Percentage ¹
Car break-ins at trailheads	4%
Don't always feel safe (Yankee Jims/Ponderosa/Iowa Hill)	2%
Path not safe/River trails	1%
Other barriers/impediments: (n=121)	
No barriers/impediments	9%
Not enough trails/Closed trails	1%
Poor access/Road maintenance	1%
No running water/Drinking water	1%
Not enough law enforcement/Ranger presence	1%
Dog poop/Aggressive dogs/Not enough dog access	1%
Lack of public awareness/Not enough environmental education	1%
Need replacement crossing/bridge for Coffey Dam	1%

¹Percentages include most frequently mentioned responses. For a full list of categorized responses to this question, please see Appendix D.

Table 33: Additional visitor days per year after improvements to ASRA (Q.27)		
	Average	Range
Number of days per year	19 days	0-365

Table 34a shows that the majority of visitors think that more emphasis should be placed on protecting natural and cultural resources (66% and 51% respectively). This is followed closely by buying additional parkland (49%), maintaining park and recreation areas (47%) and improving existing facilities (46%). Respondents' tendency towards less emphasis on building new facilities is consistent with visitors' overriding desire to protect

the natural integrity of the area. About the same emphasis is shown for all other management actions except for special events and programs where one in four visitors desire slightly less emphasis.

Table 34a: Rating of emphasis for potential management actions (Q.28)				
Management Actions:	More emphasis	About the same	Less emphasis	Don't know
Buying additional parkland	49%	28%	10%	13%
Maintaining park and recreation areas	47%	45%	2%	6%
Providing educational programs	25%	46%	12%	17%
Building new facilities	17%	40%	29%	14%
Improving existing facilities	46%	40%	7%	7%
Protecting natural resources	66%	27%	2%	5%
Protecting historic and cultural resources	51%	37%	4%	8%
Providing for more organized activities and special events	16%	42%	24%	19%
Other (name) ¹	87%	11%	3%	0%

¹For a breakdown of responses in the "other" category, please refer to table Q.28b

Table 34b: Rating of emphasis for other potential management actions (Q.28)	
Management Actions:	Frequencies
More emphasis:	32
Improve security/Security/Increase in river patrols/More rangers/Ranger supervision. Want to see a ranger/Vehicles are getting broken into so maybe more care in patrolling	6
Develop trails/Downhill mountain bike trails/More off roading/Paving the Upper Lake Clementine trail	4
A ranger station with info would be good/More emphasis on river and aquatic interpretation/Outreach to minority kids/Provide educational programs for local schools	4

Table 34b: Rating of emphasis for other potential management actions (Q.28)	
Management Actions:	Frequencies
Get bikers off – hiker only trails (e.g., Tinkers)/Get rid of dredgers/Get rid of OHV area/ Foresthill Divide Loop: use should be one direction on even days of the week and the other direction on odd days. It gets dangerous when bikes/people oppose each other	4
Bridges to connect trails/Take care of creeks and provide bridges/Maintaining trails	3
Bathrooms and hand faucets/Restrooms	2
More campsites by reservation/More emphasis on parking, camping	2
Dog access/Please enforce leash laws	2
Insure no Auburn Dam is built/No Dams	2
Form committee review for shorter form	1
Build the Auburn Dam	1
Just buy up remaining parcels within ASRA – still private property	1
Keeping it pristine	1
About the same:	4
All great/All ok as is/Don't change	3
Nice trails	1
Less emphasis:	1
Special events	1
Don't know:	0

¹The "other" category consists of 37 rated responses

Table 35 presents some of Auburn SRA's issues, concerns, problems and opportunities mentioned by survey respondents. In general, the response rate for this open-ended question was relatively low with one hundred and thirty-seven (137) recorded responses. The most prevalent issue or threat for survey respondents was the possible Auburn Dam

and the importance of preserving the area in its current natural state (8%). Recent car break-ins and theft in parking areas and the need for trail improvements was mentioned by two percent of respondents, respectively.

Table 35: Major issues, concerns, problems and opportunities at ASRA (Q.29)	
Issues/Concerns/Problems/Opportunities:	Percentage ¹
No Auburn Dam/Auburn Dam is the biggest threat/Avoid the Dam/Do not build the dam	6%
Car break-ins/Theft in parking lots/Vandalism at parking areas/Public safety – more rangers	2%
Just preserving this area is the most important to me/To not allow over development/Don't change a thing	2%
Trail improvements/Trail maintenance/Additional trails	2%
No issues, concerns, problems/Everything is great	1%
Increasing population/Increased use/Growth/Crowding	1%
Lack of environmental respect/Littering, trash and graffiti	1%
Not enough environmental education/Public awareness	1%
Need more parking/Parking lot improvements	1%
Trail user conflicts/Multi-use trail cooperation	1%

137 total responses were recorded. ¹Percentages include most frequently mentioned responses. For a full list of categorized responses to this question, please see Appendix D.

General comments responding to an open-ended final question in the survey asking for any additional comments about recreation facilities and services at ASRA (Table 36) confirmed previous findings. A majority of visitors to Auburn SRA would prefer the area to stay unchanged or minimally developed (26%). These visitors are satisfied with the current management of the area and they are very concerned about the preservation of the natural beauty of the river canyons and the area in general. Most survey respondents

(12%) desire only minor to moderate improvements to trails, access roads, boater put-ins and take-outs and facility improvements and additions (mainly restrooms). The need to resolve user conflicts on narrow trails between hikers, horseback riders and mountain bikers (7%), the need for more law enforcement at trailhead parking areas to prevent car break-ins (5%), the desire to keep the area accessible without any or minimal user fees (5%), and the need for more environmental education and information, such as improved maps and internet site (2%) was mentioned most frequently.

Table 36: Comments about recreation areas, facilities, and services at ASRA (Q.37)	
Comments:	Percentage ¹
No Change/Minimal Change Desired: (n=138)	26%
Everything is great/Keep up the good work	12%
Keep ASRA natural/Minimal development	8%
Preserve ASRA/American River/No Auburn Dam	7%
Improve/Add Facilities and Services: (n=65)	12%
Improve trail maintenance/access/parking/roads/facilities	4%
Develop more trails/picnic areas/facilities	3%
Improve/add restrooms	3%
Improve/add boater put-in and take-out sites	1%
Add/replace Coffey Dam bridge	1%
Multi-use/User Conflicts/Motorized recreation: (n=36)	7%
Multi-use/User Conflicts	5%
Dog recreation and regulations	1%
Motorized recreation	1%
More Security/Law Enforcement/Rangers (n=28)	5%
No user fees/Keep free/Put fees back into Park (n=27)	5%

Survey is too long/Thanks for doing a survey (n=14)	3%
More Environmental education/Info/Public input: (n=11)	2%
Environmental education/Information	1%
Public input/Coordination with other agencies	1%

338 total responses were recorded. ¹Percentages include most frequently mentioned responses. For a full list of comments, please see Appendix D.

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Appendix A: Survey Instrument

Survey Location:

Date:

2006 Visitor Survey

Auburn State Recreation Area

The Auburn State Recreation Area (ASRA) has recently begun the development of a new general management plan. What the visitor thinks and prefers is very important to the managers. Only a small number of visitors are being contacted during the season, so your response is very important. The survey is voluntary, will take 15 minutes, and we promise your answers will be kept confidential.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our survey consultant: Dr. Robert Aukerman, AHA, 970-484-2028 or auk@lamar.colostate.edu

1. How important is ASRA to you? (*please check your choice*)

Not at all important__ Somewhat important__ Important__ Very important __Extremely important__

2. Why is ASRA important or not important to you?

3. Including this visit, approximately how many times did you visit ASRA for recreation purposes during the last 12 months? #_____ visits.

4. How many years ago did you first visit ASRA? #_____ years ago.

5. Including yourself, how many people are visiting ASRA with you today? #_____ people.

6. Please estimate how many hours you will spend at ASRA on this visit? #_____ hours.

7. What is unique/special about ASRA compared to other areas within a 100-mile radius?

8. Did you move to or do you remain in this area of the state in order to be close to and use ASRA?

Yes_____ No_____ Not applicable_____

9. What areas (sections of trails, river areas, etc.) of ASRA will you visit today? *Please be as specific as possible.*

10. If these are not the areas you usually visit, where do you usually go?

11. What is your favorite area to visit at ASRA?

12. What level of park facility development would you like to see at ASRA? (*Circle one below*)

Very little/ Rarely developed/ Not developed	Minor/ Seldom developed	Occasionally developed	Prevalently developed	Very prevalently developed	Extensively/ A great deal developed
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13. For each park facility you would like to see developed or improved at ASRA, please *name the area* where you would like to see the development/improvement:

Facility	Area
Campsites	
Toilets	
New trails	
Improvements to existing trails	
Direction/information signs	
Interpretive signs	
Historical and cultural information	
Visitor center	
Picnic areas	
Other:	

14. Would you use additional campgrounds and picnic areas if they were located away from the water? Yes_____ No_____

15. Visitors to ASRA desire many different recreation experiences. Please indicate how important each of the following experiences are to you when visiting ASRA. *Circle the number that best indicates the importance of each experience.*

Experiences	Not at all important	Slightly important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important
Opportunity to see and meet new people	0	1	2	3	4
Chance to get physical exercise	0	1	2	3	4
Opportunity to take some risks and challenges	0	1	2	3	4
Chance to get away from people and experience solitude	0	1	2	3	4
Opportunity to experience the natural quiet & beauty of nature	0	1	2	3	4
Chance to seek thrills and excitement	0	1	2	3	4
Chance to enjoy friends and family	0	1	2	3	4
Chance to explore and see new things	0	1	2	3	4
Opportunity to learn about the history or culture of the area	0	1	2	3	4
Opportunity to test your skills and abilities	0	1	2	3	4
Chance to get away from roads and trails to have a wilderness-type experience	0	1	2	3	4
Opportunity to reduce stress and get refreshed	0	1	2	3	4
Opportunity to relax and not do anything	0	1	2	3	4
Chance to visit a safe and comfortable area in the outdoors	0	1	2	3	4

16. Please estimate how much money you will spend on this visit to ASRA. Include transportation costs to and from home, food and beverage expenses, equipment purchased for this visit, fees, outfitter charges, supplies, etc. \$_____ If this is not the average amount you usually spend per visit to ASRA, Estimate the usual amount you spend. \$_____.

17. For each of the following recreation activities, please give your best estimate of the **total number of days that you participated in that activity at ASRA during the past 12 months**. Include even those days when you did the activity for only a short period of time. Write your best estimate on the line to the right of each activity. If you did not participate in an activity, please enter a zero (0) in the blank for that activity.

Recreation Activity	Number of days past 12 months	Recreation Activity	Number of days past 12 months
01 Walking for fitness and fun		16 Whitewater kayaking	
02 Jogging and fitness running		17 Personal watercraft (Jet Skiing)	
03 Trail hiking		17 Camping	
04 Mountain biking		18 Picnicking	
05 Bicycling on paved surfaces		19 Hunting	
06 Off-road vehicle use		20 Swimming/sunbathing	
07 Driving for pleasure/sightseeing		21 Nature study	
08 Horseback riding		22 Historical/cultural resource study	
09 Motorized boating		23 Interpretive hikes	
10 Water-skiing/wakeboarding		24 Wildlife viewing/bird watching	
11 Lake fishing		25 Caving	
13 River fishing		26 Rock climbing	
13 Recreational mineral collection		27 Orienteering/geo-caching	
14 Sailing		29 Flatwater kayaking & canoeing	
15 Whitewater rafting		30 Other:	

18. Of the 30 activities listed in question #16 above, please **select up to 3 activities that are most important to you during your visits to ASRA** and place the activity numbers in the spaces provided.

Most important activity: #_____

Second most important: #_____

Third most important: #_____

19. Of the 30 activities listed in question #16 above, please **select up to 3 activities that you will most likely participate in during the next five years**; and place the activity numbers in the spaces provided.

Most likely activity to participate in next 5 years: #_____

Second most likely to participate in next 5 years: #_____

Third most likely to participate in next 5 years: #_____

20. Compared to five years ago, please indicate how much time you spent visiting ASRA in the last 12 months. *(Check one below)*

- _____ More time this past year than 5 years ago
- _____ About the same time
- _____ Less time this past year than 5 years ago

21. How frequently did you use other parks and recreation areas within 100 miles of ASRA during the past 12 months? *(Check one below)*

- _____ Two or more times per week
- _____ About once a month
- _____ Once or twice a month
- _____ Several times a year
- _____ Once or twice a year

Name the areas and recreation activities you participated in:

22. Overall, how would you rate your satisfaction with the facilities and services at the other parks and recreation areas within 100 miles of ASRA? *(Check one below)*

Not at all satisfied _____ Somewhat satisfied _____ Satisfied _____ Very satisfied _____ Don't know _____

23. In general, how would you rate the quality of your recreation experience at the ASRA compared to other park and outdoor recreation settings within 100 miles? *(Check one below)*

- _____ Average/typical of other areas within 100 miles
- _____ Below average compared to other areas within 100 miles
- _____ Slightly above average compared to other areas within 100 miles
- _____ Very good compared to other areas within 100 miles
- _____ Special/unique compared to other areas within 100 miles

24. How would you rate each of the following recreation facilities and services at ASRA? *Please check the box to indicate how adequate the facilities and services are at ASRA.*

Types of Facilities and Services	Very Adequate	Somewhat Adequate	Somewhat Inadequate	Very Inadequate	No Opinion
Park rangers and other law enforcement					
Cleanliness of the area/facilities					
Education/interpretive programs and facilities (signs, visitor center, etc.)					
Restroom facilities					
Trail signs and information kiosks					
Mountain bike trails					
Hiking and jogging trails					
Trailhead staging/parking areas and facilities					
Equestrian trails					
Off-highway vehicle trails					
Trail maintenance					
Number and quality of campsites					
River access points and facilities					
Number of boat slips at Clementine					
Number of individual picnic sites					
Number of group picnic sites					
Location and information at Park Headquarters					
Maps and visitor information					
Sense of personal safety					
Other (name)					

25. Overall, how would you rate your satisfaction with the facilities and services at ASRA? (*Check one*)
 Not at all satisfied ____ Somewhat satisfied ____ Satisfied ____ Very satisfied ____ Don't know ____

26. Are any of the following barriers or impediments to the use of ASRA?

Barrier/Impediment	<i>Please explain – use back page for further explanation</i>
Activity/facility not available	
Lack of public transportation	
Crowding and conflict	
Cost or fees	
Lack of information	
Lack of parking	
Lack of safety	
Other (name)	

27. How many more days per year would you visit ASRA if barriers and impediments were dealt with and improvements to facilities and services were made? # of days per year_____

28. Do you think that ASRA should place more, about the same or less emphasis on the following management actions? (*Check the box*)

Management Actions	More emphasis	About the same	Less emphasis	Don't know
Buying additional parkland				
Maintaining park and recreation areas				
Providing educational programs				
Building new facilities				
Improving existing facilities				
Protecting natural resources				
Protecting historic and cultural resources				
Providing for more organized activities and special events				
Other (name)				

29. What do you see as some of ASRA's major issues, concerns, problems and opportunities? Please explain these, and suggest your ideas on possible management actions to meet each. (*Please use back page for further discussion*)

These last few questions are for statistical purposes only. Your responses will remain anonymous and will be combined with responses of other survey participants for reporting as averages.

30. What is the zip code at your home? _____

31. How far from ASRA do you live?

☐ Less than 5 miles

☐ 5-10 miles

☐ 11-25 miles

☐ 26-100 miles

☐ 101-250 miles

☐ 250+ miles

32. What is your gender? ☐ Male

☐ Female

33. What is your age? _____

34. What is the highest grade level of education you have completed?

☐ Did not graduate high school

☐ High school graduate

☐ Some college but no degree

☐ Associate degree

☐ Bachelor's degree

☐ Master's degree

☐ Professional degree

☐ Doctorate degree

35. Which of the following racial or ethnic backgrounds best describes your household?

☐ Hispanic or Latino of Mexican descent

☐ White

☐ Asian

☐ American Indian or Alaska Native

☐ Mixed race

☐ Other Hispanic or Latino, e.g., Guatemalan

☐ Black or African American

☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

☐ Some other race

36. Which of the following categories best describes your total annual household income. That is the total combined income for all members of your household before taxes?

☐ Under \$20,000

☐ \$20,000 to \$34,999

☐ \$35,000 to \$49,999

☐ \$50,000 to \$74,999

☐ \$75,000 to \$99,999

☐ \$100,000 to \$149,999

☐ \$150,000 to \$199,000

☐ \$200,000 or more

37. Finally, please use the space below for any other comments you may have about outdoor recreation areas, facilities, and services at ASRA.

Thank you for your time and participation in the survey. Please return your completed questionnaire to the interviewer who gave it to you.

Appendix B: Survey Schedules

AUBURN SURVEY SCHEDULE – MAY 2006

Date Day	May 19 Friday	May 20 Saturday	May 21 Sunday	May 25 Thursday	May 27 Saturday	May 28 Sunday	May 31 Wednesday
Survey Times	3-7 P.M.	8-12 A.M.	8-12 A.M.	3-7 P.M.	8-12 A.M.	10-2 P.M.	4-8 P.M.
Target Groups	Hiking Mtn. Biking Rafting Fishing Camping	Hiking Mtn. Biking Horse Riding Swimming Sunbathing	Mtn. Biking Horse Riding	OHV Mtn. Biking Swimming Sunbathing	Hiking Mtn. Biking	OHV Mtn. Biking Rafting Camping Fishing	Hiking Mtn. Biking Horse Riding
Area	Confluence Stagecoach Trailhead- Clementine Hwy 49-No- hands bridge	Confluence Stagecoach Trailhead- Clementine Hwy 49-No- hands bridge	Forest Hill Rd. Grizzly Bear	Mammoth Bar*	Confluence Stagecoach Trailhead- Clementine Hwy 49-No- hands bridge	Mammoth Bar*	Confluence Stagecoach Trailhead- Clementine Hwy 49-No- hands bridge
Area		Forest Hill Rd. Drivers Flat	Auburn Staging	Highway 49- .52		Yankee Jim* 3-7 P.M.	Forest Hill Rd. Grizzly Bear
Area	Quarry Trail	Highway 49- .52			Quarry Trail		Quarry Trail
Area	Yankee Jim*	Cool			Cool		Cool

*Yankee Jim and Mammoth Bar (rafting, kayaking, fishing, camping and OHV surveying will be done by ASRA staff and guide/outfitter companies).

- All other surveying will be done by Canyon Keeper Volunteers.
- The Confluence area has three different survey locations: Stagecoach, Lake Clementine Trailhead and Hwy 49-No-hands bridge. We need three volunteers for each survey day.
- The Forest Hill Rd. area has two different survey locations: Drivers Flat and Grizzly Bear. Surveying will be done on different days.

AUBURN SURVEY SCHEDULE – JUNE/JULY 2006

Date Day	June 4 Sunday	June 14 Wednesday	June 24 Saturday	July 15 Saturday	July 16 Sunday	July 22 Saturday	July 29 Saturday
Survey Times	2-6 P.M.	3-7 P.M.	10-2 P.M.	Lunch Take-out	11-3 P.M.	11-3 P.M.	10-2 P.M.
Target Groups	General Swimming Hiking Mtn. Biking Rafting Fishing Camping	General Swimming Hiking Mtn. Biking	General Swimming Hiking Mtn. Biking	Rafting Fishing Kayaking Camping	Swimming Non- motorized boating	General Swimming Hiking Mtn. Biking	Motor boating Fishing Camping Water-skiing
Area	Confluence Stagecoach Trailhead- Clementine Hwy 49-No- hands bridge	Confluence Stagecoach Trailhead- Clementine Hwy 49-No- hands bridge	Confluence Stagecoach Trailhead- Clementine Hwy 49-No- hands bridge	Ruck-a- Chuck*	Upper Lake Clementine	Confluence Stagecoach Trailhead- Clementine Hwy 49-No- hands bridge	Lower Lake Clementine Ramp/Marina*
Area	Ponderosa Crossing		Ponderosa Crossing			Ponderosa Crossing	
Area	Mineral Bar* 10-2pm					Yankee Jim*	

*Mineral Bar, Yankee Jim and Ruck-a-Chucky (rafting, kayaking, fishing and camping surveying will be done by ASRA staff and guide/outfitter companies).

*Lower Lake Clementine surveying will be done by ASRA staff and Marina staff

- All other surveying will be done by Canyon Keeper Volunteers.
- The Confluence area has three different survey locations: Stagecoach, Lake Clementine Trailhead and Hwy 49-No-hands bridge. We need three volunteers for each survey day.

AUBURN SURVEY SCHEDULE – JULY 2006

Date Day	July 22 Saturday	July 23 Sunday	July 26 Wednesday	July 28 Friday	July 29 Saturday	July 30 Sunday	July 31 Monday
Survey Times	2-6 P.M.	3-7 P.M.	10-2 A.M.	Lunch Take-out	10-2 A.M.	11-3 A.M.	10-2 P.M.
Target Groups	General Swimming Hiking Mtn. Biking Rafting Fishing Camping	General Swimming Rafting Fishing Camping OHV	General Swimming Hiking Mtn. Biking Rafting Fishing	Rafting Fishing Kayaking Camping Sunbathing	Motor boating Fishing Camping Water-skiing	General Swimming Hiking Mtn. Biking Rafting Fishing Camping OHV	Motor boating Fishing Camping Water-skiing
Area	Confluence Stagecoach Trailhead- Clementine Hwy 49-No- hands bridge	Upper Lake Clementine	Confluence Stagecoach Trailhead- Clementine Hwy 49-No- hands bridge	Ruck-a- Chucky*	Lower Lake Clementine Ramp/Marina*	Confluence Stagecoach Trailhead- Clementine Hwy 49-No- hands bridge	Lower Lake Clementine Ramp/Marina*
Area	Ponderosa Crossing	Mammoth Bar*	Ponderosa Crossing	Highway 49- 5.2		Mammoth Bar*	
Area	Yankee Jim*	Mineral Bar*				Yankee Jim*	

*Mineral Bar, Yankee Jim, Ruck-a-Chucky and Mammoth Bar (rafting, kayaking, fishing, camping and OHV surveying will be done by ASRA staff and guide/outfitter companies).

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AUBURN SURVEY SCHEDULE – AUGUST 1-18, 2006

Date Day	August 2 Wednesday	August 5 Saturday	August 6 Sunday	August 8 Tuesday	August 12 Saturday	August 13 Sunday	August 18 Friday
Survey Times	2-6 P.M.	3-7 P.M.	10-2 A.M.	Lunch Take-out	11-3 A.M.	11-3 A.M.	10-2 A.M.
Target Groups	General Swimming Hiking Mtn. Biking Rafting Fishing Camping	General Swimming Rafting Fishing	General Swimming Hiking Mtn. Biking Rafting Fishing Sunbathing	Rafting Fishing Kayaking Camping Sunbathing	Swimming Non-motor boating Rafting Fishing	General Swimming Hiking Mtn. Biking OHV	Motor boating Water-skiing Fishing Camping
Area	Confluence Stagecoach Trailhead- Clementine Hwy 49-No- hands bridge	Upper Lake Clementine	Lower Lake Clementine Ramp/Marina*	Ruck-a- Chucky*	Upper Lake Clementine	Confluence Stagecoach Trailhead- Clementine Hwy 49-No- hands bridge	Lower Lake Clementine Ramp/Marina*
Area	Ponderosa Crossing	Mammoth Bar*	Ponderosa Crossing	Highway 49- .52	Ponderosa Crossing	Mammoth Bar*	Mineral Bar*
Area	Mineral Bar*	Yankee Jim*	Highway 49- 5.2	Forest Hill Rd. Grizzly Bear	Ruck-a- Chucky*	Yankee Jim*	

*Mineral Bar, Yankee Jim, Ruck-a-Chucky and Mammoth Bar (rafting, kayaking, fishing, camping and OHV surveying will be done by ASRA staff and guide/outfitter companies).

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- All other surveying will be done by Canyon Keeper Volunteers.
- The Confluence area has three different survey locations: Stagecoach, Lake Clementine Trailhead and Hwy 49-No-hands bridge. We need three volunteers for each survey day.
- The Forest Hill Rd. area has two different survey locations: Drivers Flat and Grizzly Bear. Surveying will be done on different days.

AUBURN SURVEY SCHEDULE – AUGUST 19-31 & SEPTEMBER 3 & 4, 2006

Date Day	August 19 Saturday	August 20 Sunday	August 26 Saturday	August 27 Sunday	August 31 Thursday	September 3 Sunday	September 4 Monday
Survey Times	2-6 P.M.	3-7 P.M.	10-2 A.M.	Lunch Take-out	11-3 A.M.	11-3 A.M.	10-2 A.M.
Target Groups	General Swimming Hiking Horse riding Rafting Fishing Camping	General Swimming Rafting Fishing	General Swimming Motor boating Rafting Camping Sunbathing	Rafting Fishing Kayaking Camping Sunbathing	Swimming Non-motor boating Rafting Fishing	General Swimming Hiking Mtn. Biking OHV	Motor boating Water-skiing Fishing Camping
Area	Cool	Upper Lake Clementine	Lower Lake Clementine Ramp/Marina*	Ruck-a- Chucky*	Upper Lake Clementine	Confluence Stagecoach Trailhead- Clementine Hwy 49-No- hands bridge	Lower Lake Clementine Ramp/Marina*
Area	Auburn Staging	Mammoth Bar*	Ponderosa Crossing	Highway 49-.52	Ponderosa Crossing	Mammoth Bar*	Mineral Bar*
Area	Mineral Bar*	Yankee Jim*	Highway 49- 5.2	Forest Hill Rd. Grizzly Bear	Ruck-a- Chucky*	Yankee Jim*	Forest Hill Rd. Drivers Flat
Area		Forest Hill Rd. Drivers Flat					Ruck-a- Chucky*

*Mineral Bar, Yankee Jim, Ruck-a-Chucky and Mammoth Bar (rafting, kayaking, fishing, camping and OHV surveying will be done by ASRA staff and guide/outfitter companies).

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- All other surveying will be done by Canyon Keeper Volunteers.
- The Confluence area has three different survey locations: Stagecoach, Lake Clementine Trailhead and Hwy 49-No-hands bridge. We need three volunteers for each survey day.
- The Forest Hill Rd. area has two different survey locations: Drivers Flat and Grizzly Bear. Surveying will be done on different days.

Appendix C: Instructions for Surveyors

Auburn SRA – Visitor Survey 2006

Instructions for Surveyors (ASRA Staff)

The following list is intended to help surveyors with the process of conducting a successful survey and to establish certain guidelines and proper etiquette for communicating with respondents and non-respondents:

General guidelines:

- The surveys will be handed out on-site to specific target groups (hikers, mountain bikers, horseback riders, swimmers, sunbathers, sightseers, and non-motorized boaters) during specific survey times (specific locations will be visited during specific times of the week and day as established in the survey schedule).
- Each surveyor will have a sufficient number of surveys, clipboards and pencils to hand out for the established survey period. The clipboards, surveys and pencils can be picked up in an envelope marked with the date and survey location at the Canyon Keeper office at Park Headquarters. Please bring the envelope with the filled-out surveys back to the office once you are finished surveying for the day or weekend.
- The preferred survey method is to have respondents fill out the survey on-site, which gives them the opportunity to ask questions and usually results in better response rates. If a respondent asks to fill out the survey later, he or she can drop off the filled-out survey at Park Headquarters or send it in by mail (Elke Schuster, 318341 State Route 2, Newport, WA 99156). However, it is much better to have them fill out the survey right away and hand it back to you.
- Surveyors should be dressed professionally, preferably in State Parks or Volunteer T-shirts or vests. If uniforms are not available, the surveyors should wear appropriate attire and name tags.

How to survey recreationists:

- Please always be polite, friendly and impartial. When you approach a single person or a group of recreationists, please greet them in a friendly, professional and non-threatening way and introduce yourself. Respect their privacy. Explain to respondents that you are conducting a survey for California State Parks (CSP). Inform them about the purpose of the study (CSP is preparing a new General Plan for Auburn SRA. This survey provides one opportunity for recreationists to provide their important input on management, visitor services, facilities etc. for the area). Also, let respondents know the approximate time it will take to fill out the survey (15 minutes). Assure them that the responses will be treated with anonymity and confidentiality (respondents do not have to provide their names and/or addresses). After this short introduction, ask them if they would like to participate. If they agree, hand them a survey, clipboard and pencil and let them fill out the survey. Take the survey back from them after they are finished and put them in the envelope with the other filled-out surveys.

- Most of the recreationists will be happy to fill out a survey, but be prepared that some people will refuse. If they are not willing to fill out the survey on-site or at a later point in time, that is perfectly fine. It is important to keep in mind that this is a voluntary effort and nobody can or should be forced to provide their opinion. Please be polite and thank them anyway.
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Auburn SRA – Visitor Survey 2006

Instructions for Surveyors (Canyon Keepers)

The following list is intended to help surveyors with the process of conducting a successful survey and to establish certain guidelines and proper etiquette for communicating with respondents and non-respondents:

General guidelines:

- The surveys will be handed out on-site to specific target groups (hikers, mountain bikers, horseback riders, swimmers, sunbathers, sightseers, and non-motorized boaters) during specific survey times (specific locations will be visited during specific times of the week and day as established in the survey schedule).
- Each surveyor will have a sufficient number of surveys, clipboards and pencils to hand out for the established survey period. The clipboards, surveys and pencils can be picked up in an envelope marked with the date and survey location at the Canyon Keeper office at Park Headquarters. Please bring the envelope with the filled-out surveys back to the office once you are finished surveying for the day or weekend.
- The preferred survey method is to have respondents fill out the survey on-site, which gives them the opportunity to ask questions and usually results in better response rates. If a respondent asks to fill out the survey later, he or she can drop off the filled-out survey at Park Headquarters or send it in by mail (Elke Schuster, 318341 State Route 2, Newport, WA 99156). However, it is much better to have them fill out the survey right away and hand it back to you.
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Appendix D: Responses to Open-ended Questions

**Auburn State Recreation Area
2006 Visitor Survey
Responses to Open-ended Questions (n = 528)**

Q.2: Why is ASRA important or not important to you?

<u>Category</u>	<u>Frequencies</u>
Outdoor recreation activities/Wide variety of recreation/ Multi-use facility/Offers diversity	220/528 = 42%
Beauty/Aesthetics/Scenery	91/528 = 17%
Nature/Ecology/Wildlife/Native vegetation/ Preservation of nature, river, wildlife	86/528 = 16%
River/Water/River canyon/Lake/Staying cool	76/528 = 14%
Great place for families/Friends/Fun/People	72/528 = 14%
Close to home/Convenient/Backyard/Close to town/ Live in Auburn/Local	65/528 = 12%
Trails/Trail system	58/528 = 11%
Undeveloped/Natural/Unspoiled/Pristine/Wild/ Preserved place in an area of massive development	53/528 = 10%
Management/Maintenance/Preservation of Area (ASRA as an institution)	45/528 = 9%
Public access to natural resources/Easy access	39/528 = 7%
Frequent user of the area	33/528 = 6%
Long-time user/Long-time resident/Grew up in area/ Memories	25/528 = 5%
Spiritual attachment/Atmosphere/Peace of mind/ Relax/Rejuvenate	23/528 = 4%
Clean/Well maintained/Safe	23/528 = 4%
Get away from crowds and traffic (civilization)/Solitude/ Quiet/Escape	18/528 = 3%

Large amount of acreage/Open space	18/528 = 3%
Health/Healthy lifestyle/Active	17/528 = 3%
Free/Not expensive	14/528 = 3%
Revenue to Auburn Area/Tourism/Helps local economy/ Asset to community	13/528 = 2%
History	11/528 = 2%
Rugged terrain/Technical terrain/Steep hills/ Topography/Variety in landscape	6/528 = 1%
The reason I live here	6/528 = 1%
Close to Sacramento/Close to Bay Area	5/528 = 1%
All season use/Year-round access	4/528 = 1%
Other	54/528 = 10%

Q.7: What is unique about ASRA compared to other areas within a 100-mile radius?

<u>Category</u>	<u>Frequencies</u>
River/Confluence of rivers/River Canyons/Rapids Clean and clear water/Waterfalls/Riparian habitat	186/528 = 35%
Close to home/Close to Auburn/Close to restaurants/ Local/Location/Convenience	110/528 = 21%
Beauty/Scenery/Scenic Views	106/528 = 20%
Great trails/Extensive trail system/Variety of trails/ Single-track trails	100/528 = 19%
Variety of recreation opportunities/Diversity of activities/ Best mountain bike terrain/Beautiful hiking area/Boating/ Multi-use area	86/528 = 16%
Easy access/Access/Accessibility/Public land access	66/528 = 13%
Good facilities/Plenty of parking/Well maintained/Clean/	

Unique care and involvement/Friendly staff/Great volunteers	64/528 = 12%
Wild area/Rural setting/Not developed/Not commercial/ Unchanged/Non-motorized	56/528 = 11%
Feeling of remoteness/Away from Civilization/Solitude/ Peaceful/Peace and quiet/Serene	36/528 = 7%
Foothills terrain/Varied ecosystems/Varied terrain/ Diversity in landscape/Unique topography/Ruggedness	34/528 = 6%
Flora and Fauna/Wildlife/Variety of plants and animals/ Wildflowers/Native vegetation/Fish	30/528 = 6%
Not very crowded/Few people/Private	22/528 = 4%
Friendly people/Considerate people/Diverse people/ Family environment/Good for kids/Good meeting place	20/528 = 4%
Safe/Well patrolled	16/528 = 3%
Fun/Fun atmosphere/Relaxed atmosphere/Good vibe/ Good energy	13/528 = 2%
Good winter access/No snow in May/Year-round access/ Long season of use/Weather/Altitude/Elevation	13/528 = 2%
History/Culture	11/528 = 2%
Large expanses/Open space/Openness	9/528 = 2%
Free/Free access to public land/Inexpensive/Affordable	9/528 = 2%
Bridges	8/528 = 2%
Mountains	7/528 = 1%
Gold panning/Great gold location	5/528 = 1%
Close to Sacramento	4/528 = 1%
Mammoth Bar OHV/Motocross track	4/528 = 1%
Nothing/Not much	4/528 = 1%
Other	56/528 = 11%

Q.9: What areas (sections of trails, river areas, etc.) of ASRA will you visit today?

<u>Area</u>	<u>Frequencies</u>
Lake Clementine (Upper and Lower)	79/528 = 15%
Confluence Area	69/528 = 13%
River/All areas by river/All up and down river	61/528 = 12%
Stagecoach/Upper Stagecoach Trail	44/528 = 8%
Olmstead/Knickerbocker Loop	41/528 = 8%
Lake Clementine Trail	36/528 = 7%
Quarry Road Trail	25/528 = 5%
Trails/Loops	23/528 = 4%
No-Hands Bridge Area	22/528 = 4%
Middle Fork	18/528 = 3%
Bridge/Under Bridge	16/528 = 3%
Mammoth Bar/Mammoth Bar OHV/Motocross track	15/528 = 3%
Culvert Trail	15/528 = 3%
Ponderosa Bridge Area	14/528 = 3%
Auburn to Cool Trail	13/528 = 2%
Western States Trail/Tevis Cup Trail	13/528 = 2%
Drivers Flat/Greenwood/Ruck-a-Chucky to Mammoth Bar (MF)	13/528 = 2%
Cool/Cool Staging Area	11/528 = 2%
Forest Divide Loop Trail	10/528 = 2%
No-Hands Bridge Trail/No-Hands Bridge to Auburn	10/528 = 2%
Foresthill Bridge Area	9/528 = 2%

North Fork	$9/528 = 2\%$
Mineral Bar	$9/528 = 2\%$
Confluence Trail	$8/528 = 2\%$
Yankee Jims	$8/528 = 2\%$
Iowa Hill Bridge to Ponderosa Bridge (NF)	$8/528 = 2\%$
Robie Training Hill	$7/528 = 1\%$
Manzanita Trail	$7/528 = 1\%$
North Fork Trail	$7/528 = 1\%$
American River/American River Canyon	$6/528 = 1\%$
Connector Trail	$6/528 = 1\%$
Hwy 49 Bridge Area	$5/528 = 1\%$
Auburn Overlook/Auburn Dam Area	$5/528 = 1\%$
Drivers Flat Road	$5/528 = 1\%$
All of them/All/As many as possible	$4/528 = 1\%$
Oxbow Reservoir/Ralston to Drivers Flat (MF)	$4/528 = 1\%$
Iowa Hill Bridge Area	$4/528 = 1\%$
Mammoth Bar Trail	$3/528 = 1\%$
Fuel Brake	$3/528 = 1\%$
Middle Fork Trail	$3/528 = 1\%$
Mossy Rock Trail	$3/528 = 1\%$
None	$3/528 = 1\%$
Brown's Ravine	$2/528 = <1\%$
Cardiac Trail	$2/528 = <1\%$

Flood Trail	2/528 = <1%
Ruck-a-Chucky	2/528 = <1%
Franciscos	2/528 = <1%
McKeon-Ponderosa Road Trail	2/528 = <1%
Lake Clementine Access Trail	2/528 = <1%
Barker Ranch Trail	2/528 = <1%
Monkey Rock	2/528 = <1%
Robie Point to No-Hands Bridge	2/528 = <1%
Twin Bridge Area	2/528 = <1%
Wendell Robie Trail	2/528 = <1%
Yankee Jims to Lake Clementine (NF)	2/528 = <1%
Other	37/528 = 7%

Q.10: If these are not the areas you usually visit, where do you usually go?

<u>Area</u>	<u>Frequencies</u>
These are the areas I usually visit (see Q.9)	47/528 = 9%
First time/Live elsewhere/Not applicable	37/528 = 7%
Confluence Area	31/528 = 6%
Trails/All of the trails	30/528 = 6%
Lake Clementine (Upper and Lower)	28/528 = 5%
Stagecoach Trail/Upper Stagecoach	25/528 = 5%
All/All over/Different every time	21/528 = 4%
Quarry Road Trail	19/528 = 4%
Foresthill Divide Area/Foresthill Divide Loop	17/528 = 3%

River	14/528 = 3%
Western States Trail/Tevis Cup Trail	13/528 = 2%
Ponderosa Bridge Area	13/528 = 2%
Lake Clementine Trail/Loop	11/528 = 2%
Auburn to Cool Trail	11/528 = 2%
Middle Fork	10/528 = 2%
Confluence Trails	10/528 = 2%
Mammoth Bar/ OHV Trails/Motocross track	10/528 = 2%
North Fork	10/528 = 2%
Drivers Flat	9/528 = 2%
Middle Fork Trail	9/528 = 2%
Olmstead Loop/Knickerbocker Loop	9/528 = 2%
Auburn Overlook/Auburn Staging Area/Overlook Trail	8/528 = 2%
American River Area	7/528 = 1%
Robie Point Trail/Robie Training Hill	7/528 = 1%
No-Hands Bridge Area	6/528 = 1%
Yankee Jims	6/528 = 1%
Cool/Cool Trail	6/528 = 1%
Iowa Hill Bridge/Iowa Hill Area	5/528 = 1%
All around Auburn/Near Auburn	4/528 = 1%
Clarks Hole	4/528 = 1%
American Canyon Trail	3/528 = 1%
Cardiac Hill/Cardiac Trail	3/528 = 1%

Ruck-a-Chucky	3/528 = 1%
Maidu	3/528 = 1%
Monkey Rock	3/528 = 1%
North Fork Trails	3/528 = 1%
Mineral Bar	3/528 = 1%
Codfish Falls	2/528 = <1%
Coffer Dam site	2/528 = <1%
Connector Trail	2/528 = <1%
Oxbow Reservoir/Ralston	2/528 = <1%
Hwy 49 Area	2/528 = <1%
Oregon Bar Trail/Oregon Bar Area	2/528 = <1%
Auburn Lake Trails	2/528 = <1%
Other:	132/528 = 25%
Folsom Lake	12/528 = 2%
Lake Tahoe	12/528 = 2%
Other Parks/Local, State, County Parks	7/528 = 1%
High Sierras/Western Sierras	5/528 = 1%
Coast/Ocean beach	4/528 = 1%
Yuba River	4/528 = 1%
Bear River	4/528 = 1%
Bay Area/Bay Area Parks	3/528 = 1%
Sugar Pine/Sugar Pine Lake	3/528 = 1%
South Fork American River	3/528 = 1%

Rollins	2/528 = <1%
El Dorado County	2/528 = <1%
Grass Valley/Empire Mine in Grass Valley	2/528 = <1%
All other surrounding areas/Within 10 miles	2/528 = <1%
Hwy 80/Hwy 80 + 50	2/528 = <1%
Salmon Falls	2/528 = <1%
Cronin Ranch	2/528 = <1%
Other (only mentioned once)	61/528 = 12%

Q.11: What is your favorite area to visit at ASRA?

<u>Area</u>	<u>Frequencies</u>
Confluence Area	74/528 = 14%
River/Any of the river areas/Beaches/Swimming holes	74/528 = 14%
Lake Clementine (Upper and Lower)	67/528 = 13%
All areas/Everywhere	30/528 = 6%
Trails/All trails	29/528 = 5%
Stagecoach Trail/Upper Stagecoach	25/528 = 5%
Olmstead Loop/Knickerbocker	21/528 = 4%
Western States Trail	19/528 = 4%
North Fork	21/528 = 4%
Quarry Road Trail	17/528 = 3%
Foresthill Area/Foresthill Divide Loop Trail	16/528 = 3%
Mammoth Bar/OHV Area/Motocross track	16/528 = 3%
Lake Clementine Loop Trail	15/528 = 3%

Middle Fork	15/528 = 3%
No-Hands Bridge Area	14/528 = 3%
Ponderosa Bridge Area	13/528 = 2%
Bridge Area/Under the bridge	10/528 = 2%
Cool Area/Cool Trail	10/528 = 2%
Yankee Jims	9/528 = 2%
Auburn Overlook/Auburn Staging Area	7/528 = 1%
Mineral Bar	7/528 = 1%
Iowa Hill Area/Iowa Hill Bridge	6/528 = 1%
Confluence Trails	5/528 = 1%
American River	5/528 = 1%
Hwy 49 Bridge Area	4/528 = 1%
Middle Fork Trail	4/528 = 1%
Robie Point Trail/Robie Training Hill	4/528 = 1%
Drivers Flat to Mammoth Bar (MF)	4/528 = 1%
Auburn to Cool Trail	4/528 = 1%
No-Hands Bridge Trail	4/528 = 1%
North Fork Trail	3/528 = 1%
Fuel Brake Trail	3/528 = 1%
Chamberlain Falls/Chamberlain Run (NF)	3/528 = 1%
Clarks Hole	3/528 = 1%
Connector Trail	3/528 = 1%
Confluence to Cool hike	3/528 = 1%

Monkey Rock	3/528 = 1%
Ruck-a-Chucky	3/528 = 1%
Culvert Trail	2/528 = <1%
Auburn Ravine	2/528 = <1%
Ponderosa/Yankee Jims to Lake Clementine (NF)	2/528 = <1%
Browns Bar Trail/Browns Ravine	2/528 = <1%
Mossy Rock Trail	2/528 = <1%
Iowa Hill Bridge to Lake Clementine (NF)	2/528 = <1%
Other	66/528 = 13%

Q.13: For each park facility you would like to see developed or improved at ASRA, please *name the area* where you would like to see the development/improvement:

a) Campsites:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Frequencies</u>
No/Don't develop/Good as they are/ All existing need to be kept as natural as possible	47/528 = 9%
Yes/All areas/Extensively	20/528 = 4%
Upper Lake Clementine/Lake Clementine	13/528 = 2%
Few campsites/Maybe in one small area/ Rarely developed	7/528 = 1%
Improve/Develop existing campsites/Expand/ Add showers, power, and running water	6/528 = 1%
By the water/Near the river	5/528 = 1%
Ruck-a-Chucky	4/528 = 1%
Drivers Flat	3/528 = 1%

Iowa Hill Area	3/528 = 1%
Mammoth Bar	3/528 = 1%
Confluence	2/528 = <1%
Dam site	2/528 = <1%
Mineral Bar	2/528 = <1%
Yankee Jims	2/528 = <1%
Other	29/528 = 5%

b) Toilets:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Frequencies</u>
Yes/All areas/All over/All trails/Everywhere	49/528 = 9%
No/Good as they are/Enough/No development	34/528 = 6%
Confluence (more/permanent)	29/528 = 5%
All trailheads/At the trailheads only/Parking lots only/ High use areas	20/528 = 4%
Improve existing toilets/New toilets/Flush toilets/ All portables replaced/Permanent structures	11/528 = 2%
Stagecoach	7/528 = 1%
Lake Clementine/Lake Clementine boat dock	7/528 = 1%
All areas near the river	5/528 = 1%
Ponderosa Bridge	5/528 = 1%
Yankee Jims	5/528 = 1%
Occasionally/A few more needed	4/528 = 1%
Olmstead/Knickerbocker	4/528 = 1%
Along Clementine trail/End of Clementine trail	4/528 = 1%

Cool Staging Area	4/528 = 1%
Quarry Trailhead/Quarry Trail	4/528 = 1%
Auburn Staging Area	3/528 = 1%
Bridge sites	3/528 = 1%
Mineral Bar	3/528 = 1%
Mammoth Bar	3/528 = 1%
At campsites	2/528 = <1%
Drivers Flat	2/528 = <1%
Foresthill Divide Loop Trail	2/528 = <1%
Iowa Hill	2/528 = <1%
Other	23/528 = 4%

c) New Trails:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Frequencies</u>
Yes/All areas/Anywhere/Extensively	46/528 = 9%
No/No development/Keep as natural as possible	40/528 = 8%
Lake Clementine/Around Clementine	8/528 = 2%
A few in high usage areas/Little/Rarely	7/528 = 1%
Sometimes separate bikes and horses/Downhill mountain bike trail/More trails opened to bikes/Mountain bike trail only/More running trails	7/528 = 1%
Confluence Area	5/528 = 1%
Along river	5/528 = 1%
Olmstead/Knickerbocker	4/528 = 1%
Mammoth Bar	4/528 = 1%

Along south side of No-Hands Bridge Canyon	3/528 = 1%
Coffer Dam Area/Coffer Dam to Cool	3/528 = 1%
Connect to make more loops/Loops needed	3/528 = 1%
Just keep existing trails safe/Widen to reduce conflicts between hikers and bikers	2/528 = <1%
Along North Fork/River right North Fork below dam	2/528 = <1%
Cool/Cool Area	2/528 = <1%
Along Middle Fork/South side of Middle Fork canyon	2/528 = <1%
Quarry Road	2/528 = <1%
Other	34/528 = 6%

d) Improvements to Existing Trails:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Frequencies</u>
Yes/All areas/All trails need work/Extensively	49/528 = 9%
No/No improvements necessary/Keep natural	32/528 = 6%
Regular maintenance/Increased maintenance and patrol/ Clean-up/Cut back brush and poison oak/Erosion/ Fix ruts in trails	18/528 = 3%
Improve safety/Emergency phones/Split bicycle and horse trails in narrow areas with poor visibility/Widen narrow, curvy trails/Widen to decrease conflicts between bikers, hikers and horses	10/528 = 2%
Road improvements/Drivers Flat Road graded more often/ Pave access roads (Upper Lake Clementine)	7/528 = 1%
Along the Confluence	6/528 = 1%
Olmstead Loop/Knickerbocker	6/528 = 1%
Cool Area	4/528 = 1%

The river/Water access/Asphalt road down to the river/ Trail improvement going down to the swimming area (Iowa Hill) – steps or possibly rails	4/528 = 1%
Few improvements/Very little/Where needed	4/528 = 1%
Better markers with distances/More signs/Maps	3/528 = 1%
Ponderosa Area	3/528 = 1%
Along Middle and North Forks	3/528 = 1%
Auburn Area/Multi-use to Auburn from Confluence	2/528 = <1%
Bridges connecting trails at Overlook and Drivers Flat areas/ Bridge crossing Shirttail Canyon on Indian Creek Trail	2/528 = <1%
Western States Trail	2/528 = <1%
Wendell Robie Trail	2/528 = <1%
Connector trails	2/528 = <1%
Ruck-a-Chucky/Portage trail at Ruck-a-Chucky	2/528 = <1%
Yankee Jims	2/528 = <1%
Iowa Hill Area	2/528 = <1%
Mammoth Bar	2/528 = <1%
Stagecoach Trail	2/528 = <1%
Other	25/528 = 5%

e) Direction/Information Signs:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Frequencies</u>
All areas/Everywhere/Prevalently/Yes	45/528 = 9%
Good as is/Don't develop more/Keep natural	40/528 = 8%
Add to trails/Along trails/At trailheads/At trail junctions	18/528 = 3%

A few more/Where necessary	7/528 = 1%
Better markers with distances/Mile markers/Maps	7/528 = 1%
Confluence	5/528 = 1%
At Mammoth Bar, change “no driving beyond” to “no parking” to permit boat put-in and take-out	2/528 = <1%
Confluence Trail	2/528 = <1%
Iowa Hill Area	2/528 = <1%
Other	26/528 = 5%

f) Interpretive Signs:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Frequencies</u>
Good as is/No development/Keep it natural	36/528 = 7%
All areas/Everywhere/Prevalently/Yes	19/528 = 4%
Along trails/At trailheads	11/528 = 2%
Confluence Area	8/528 = 2%
A few/Minor/In popular spots	4/528 = 1%
At historical/cultural sites	2/528 = <1%
Lake Clementine	2/528 = <1%
Quarry Trail	2/528 = <1%
Confluence Trails	2/528 = <1%
Other	25/528 = 5%

g) Historical and Cultural Information:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Frequencies</u>
All areas/Anywhere/Very prevalently/Yes	49/528 = 9%

Good as is/No development/Keep it natural	32/528 = 6%
Add to trails/At trailheads/More in the same locations	14/528 = 3%
At historical places/Old mining camps/Anywhere it occurs	8/528 = 2%
A few/Occasionally/If unobtrusive	7/528 = 1%
Confluence Area	7/528 = 1%
Quarry Trail	5/528 = 1%
North and Middle Fork/Middle Fork Canyon	4/528 = 1%
Lake Clementine	3/528 = 1%
Stagecoach Trail	2/528 = <1%
Maine Bar	2/528 = <1%
Ponderosa Area	2/528 = <1%
Other	23/528 = 4%

h) Visitor Center:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Frequencies</u>
No development/Keep natural/Not necessary/Nothing touristy	48/528 = 9%
Somewhere/Yes/Good idea/All areas	19/528 = 4%
At Confluence	8/528 = 2%
Few/One/Maybe a small one	7/528 = 1%
At Ranger Station/ASRA Headquarters	7/528 = 1%
Open Headquarters on weekends/More visible and staffed	5/528 = 1%
Auburn Overlook/Dam Overlook	4/528 = 1%
At trailhead	2/528 = <1%
Other	16/528 = 3%

i) Picnic Areas:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Frequencies</u>
No development/Good as is/Keep it simple/No	39/528 = 7%
All areas/Extensively/Yes	33/528 = 6%
Confluence Area	17/528 = 3%
Lake Clementine	7/528 = 1%
Along trails/At trailheads only/Parking areas	6/528 = 1%
Benches/Tables	6/528 = 1%
A few/Maybe a table or two/Minor	4/528 = 1%
Near the river	4/528 = 1%
Ponderosa Bridge Area	3/528 = 1%
Iowa Hill Bridge Area	3/528 = 1%
North and Middle Forks/Below bridge over the North Fork	2/528 = <1%
In the shade	2/528 = <1%
Mammoth Bar	2/528 = <1%
Other	23/528 = 4%

j) Other Facilities:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Frequencies</u>
Don't change a thing/Happy the way it is/Leave it natural/ No more development/Maintain what we have now	37/528 = 7%
More parking/Improved parking/More space for horse trailers	7/528 = 1%
Drinking water at Quarry parking/Running water at Foresthill Divide Loop Trail/Drinking water would be nice	7/528 = 1%
Garbage pick-up at Hwy 49 Bridge/Trash cans at Confluence down by water/Nice bathrooms, water spickets, trash and	

recycle cans/Electricity	5/528 = 1%
Upper Lake Clementine Road improvement/Should be asphalt	4/528 = 1%
Drivers Flat Road needs to be graded/paved to river	4/528 = 1%
Access to more places on the river/Easier access (stairs to river)/ Farther beaches	4/528 = 1%
Mammoth Bar boat launch access with vehicle/Pave access/ Raft take-out at Mammoth Bar/River access for loading and unloading only	4/528 = 1%
Coffer Dam Bridge/New Bridge to Cool	3/528 = 1%
Existing or new large track at Mammoth Bar/More dirt bike trails	3/528 = 1%
Kiosks at trailheads with safety info/Info about animals/shrubs to avoid/Signs	3/528 = 1%
Allow small, demarcated BBQ area on rocks under bridge/ Barbeque pits/Campfire pits near the picnic areas	3/528 = 1%
Auburn Dam/Build the Auburn Dam first	2/528 = <1%
Get perverted swimming areas out/Clean up illegal behavior	2/528 = <1%
It would be great if roads down to Ponderosa Bridge were easier to drive/Road improvements to boater access on North Fork	2/528 = <1%
Security at Auburn and Cool/Break-ins are a concern	2/528 = <1%
Snack Bar	2/528 = <1%
Spray for Poison Oak (main trails)	2/528 = <1%
Other	29/528 = 5%

Q.21b: Name the areas and recreation activities you participated in (*while using other parks and recreation areas within 100 miles of ASRA during the past 12 months*):

<u>Area</u>	<u>Frequencies</u>
<u>Tahoe Area:</u>	118/528 = 22%
Lake Tahoe/Tahoe National Forest:	70/528 = 13%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hiking - Biking/Mountain biking - Downhill skiing - Camping - Swimming/Sunbathing - X-Country skiing - Backpacking - Fishing - Kayaking - Trail running - History - Outdoor exploring - Snow-shoeing - Water-skiing 	
Downieville:	6/528 = 1%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Biking 	
China Wall:	6/528 = 1%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Snow-shoeing - X-Country skiing - Horseback riding - OHV 	
Robinson Flat:	6/528 = 1%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Horseback riding - Hiking 	
Boreal Ridge:	5/528 = 1%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hiking - Snow-shoeing 	
Donner Lake:	5/528 = 1%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kayaking 	
Donner Summit:	4/528 = 1%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hiking 	

- Rock climbing	
Stampede Reservoir	2/528 = <1%
Squaw Valley Ski Area	1/528 = <1%
Emigrant Gap	1/528 = <1%
Carr Lake	1/528 = <1%
Feeley Lake	1/528 = <1%
Loch Leven Lakes:	1/528 = <1%
- Hiking	
Castle Peak	1/528 = <1%
Meeks Bay:	1/528 = <1%
- Day use	
Robie Equestrian Park:	1/528 = <1%
- Horseback ride	
DL Bliss State Park:	1/528 = <1%
- Day use	
French Meadows Reservoir:	1/528 = <1%
- Camping	
- Fishing	
Royal Gorge Ski Resort:	1/528 = <1%
- Downhill skiing	
- X-Country skiing	
Sugar Bowl Ski Resort:	1/528 = <1%
- Downhill skiing	
- X-Country skiing	
Northstar-at-Tahoe Ski Resort:	1/528 = <1%
- Downhill skiing	
- X-County skiing	
Blue Canyon	1/528 = <1%

Folsom Lake State Recreation Area:

74/528 = 14%

(Rattlesnake Bar/Granite Bay/Beal's Point/Others)

- Swimming/Beach use
- Hiking/Walking
- Biking/Mountain biking
- Boating
- Kayaking/Canoeing
- Picnicking
- Camping
- Fishing
- Water-skiing/Wake-boarding
- Horseback riding
- Resting
- Sailing
- Fitness
- Nature study
- Trail patrol
- Rafting
- Jet-skiing

Bay Area:

58/528 = 11%

Point Reyes National Seashore:

12/528 = 2%

- Hiking/Walking
- Horseback riding

San Francisco/San Jose Areas:

8/528 = 2%

- Running
- Hiking
- Swimming

Bodega Bay:

5/528 = 1%

- Beach camping
- Hiking/Walking
- Horseback riding
- Swimming
- Dancing

Henry Coe State Park:

4/528 = 1%

- Hiking
- Mountain biking
- Running
- Horseback riding

Monterey Area/Monterey Bay:

4/528 = 1%

- Hiking
- Surfing
- Sunbathing

East Bay Regional Parks: 4/528 = 1%
(Briones RP/Redwood RP)

- Mountain biking
- Hiking
- Running

Rockville Hills Community Park: 3/528 = 1%

- Hiking
- Mountain biking

Anadel State Park: 2/528 = <1%

- Biking/Mountain biking
- Hiking

Pebble Beach: 2/528 = <1%

- Swimming
- Relaxing

Santa Cruz Area/Santa Cruz Mountains 2/528 = <1%

Pacifica 2/528 = <1%

Mount Diablo State Park: 2/528 = <1%

- Mountain biking
- Hiking
- Running

Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space: 1/528 = <1%

- Mountain biking
- Hiking
- Running

Bolinas: 1/528 = <1%

- Camping
- Surfing

Grant Ranch County Park: 1/528 = <1%

- Horseback riding

Almaden: 1/528 = <1%

- Horseback riding

China Camp State Park	1/528 = <1%
Half Moon Bay	1/528 = <1%
Muir Woods National Monument	1/528 = <1%
Skyline Wilderness Park	1/528 = <1%

Grass Valley Area: **56/528 = 11%**

South Yuba River/Yuba River:	21/528 = 4%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hiking - Swimming/Sunbathing - Mountain biking - Kayaking - Running - Skiing 	
Empire Mine State Historic Park/Grass Valley:	11/528 = 2%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Horseback riding - Hiking - Disk golfing 	
Rollins Lake (Dillon Beach/Peninsula Campground):	9/528 = 2%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Camping - Boating - Swimming/Sunbathing - Picnicking 	
South Yuba River State Park/Bridgeport:	4/528 = 1%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Swimming/Hiking 	
Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park:	3/528 = 1%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Camping 	
Bullards Bar Reservoir:	2/528 = <1%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kayaking 	
Grouse Ridge:	2/528 = <1%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hiking - Swimming - Horseback riding 	
Scotts Flat	1/528 = <1%

Hoyt Crossing 1/528 = <1%

Engelbright Reservoir 1/528 = <1%

Skillman Group Camp 1/528 = <1%

El Dorado County/El Dorado National Forest Area: **44/528 = 8%**

Sugar Pine/Sugar Pine Lake: 17/528 = 3%

- Kayaking
- Camping
- Hiking
- Fishing
- Snow-shoeing
- Biking
- Swimming
- OHV
- Day use

El Dorado County/El Dorado National Forest: 7/528 = 1%

- Hiking
- Snowshoeing
- X-Country skiing

Desolation Wilderness: 5/528 = 1%

- Hiking
- Rock climbing

Hell Hole Reservoir/Granite Chief Wilderness: 5/528 = 1%

- Hiking
- Camping
- Fishing

Icehouse: 3/528 = 1%

- Hiking
- Backpacking
- Fishing
- Camping
- Swimming

Stumpy Meadows Reservoir: 2/528 = <1%

- Camping
- Swimming
- Kayaking

Union Valley Reservoir: $2/528 = <1\%$
- Kayaking

Camp Sacramento: $1/528 = <1\%$
- Camping

Silvercreek Valley: $1/528 = <1\%$
- Hiking
- Backpacking
- Fishing

Loon Lake $1/528 = <1\%$

South Fork American River: **$43/528 = 8\%$**

Cronin Ranch/Greenwood Creek: $22/528 = 4\%$
- Horseback riding
- Hiking
- Snow-shoeing
- Swimming

South Fork American River: $14/528 = 3\%$
- Boating/Rafting/Kayaking
- Hiking

Salmon Falls: $7/528 = 1\%$
- Mountain biking
- Kayaking

American River/American River Parkway: **$37/528 = 7\%$**

- Biking
- Tevis Cup ride
- Endurance ride
- Hiking
- Running
- Swimming/Sunbathing
- Whitewater rafting
- Fishing
- Picnicking
- Resting
- Horseback riding

Auburn Area/Placer County:

32/528 = 6%

Bear River/Bear Island:

14/528 = 3%

- Hiking
- Camping
- Gold mining
- Fishing
- Swimming

Cache Creek:

3/528 = 1%

- Hiking

Camp Far West Reservoir:

3/528 = 1%

- Hiking

Griffith Quarry Park:

2/528 = <1%

- Hiking

Skateboard Park/Local Parks:

2/528 = <1%

- Boarding
- Biking
- Running
- Basketball
- Kids playground

Pioneer Express Trail

2/528 = <1%

Morningstar Lake

1/528 = <1%

- Camping

Shale Creek

1/528 = <1%

Lake Sterling

1/528 = <1%

Lake of the Pines

1/528 = <1%

Traylor Ranch Bird Sanctuary

1/528 = <1%

Loomis Basin Community Park

1/528 = <1%

Placerville Area:

21/528 = 4%

Marshall Gold Discovery SHP/Sutter's Sawmill:

10/528 = 2%

- Hiking
- Biking

- History
- Nature walks

Dru Barner Horse Park: 5/528 = 1%

- Endurance ride
- Horseback ride

Sly Park/Sly Creek/Jenkinson Lake 4/528 = 1%

Placerville Area: 1/528 = <1%

- Hiking
- Fishing

Fleming Meadow Trail 1/528 = <1%

Lake Natoma: 14/528 = 3%

- Kayaking/Canoeing
- Mountain biking
- Fishing
- Hiking
- OHV

Sacramento River/Sacramento/Sacramento Valley Area: 14/528 = 3%

Sacramento River/Sacramento: 7/528 = 1%

- Fishing
- Boating
- Picnicking
- Hiking

Camanche/Pardee Reservoirs 2/528 = <1%

Consumnes River Preserve: 1/528 = <1%

- Hiking

Effe Yeon (Carmichael) 1/528 = <1%

Rancho Secco Recreational Area 1/528 = <1%

Ancil Hoffman (Carmichael): 1/528 = <1%

- Walking
- Running

Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge 1/528 = <1%

Mountains/Sierra Nevada/Wilderness Areas: 13/528 = 2%

- Hiking
- Camping
- Picnicking
- Fishing
- Horseback riding

California Coast/Ocean: 13/528 = 2%

California Coast/Delta/Ocean: 5/528 = 2%

- Hiking/Walking
- Fishing
- Camping
- Surfing
- Running

Big Sur: 2/528 = <1%
- Hiking

Van Damme/MacKerricher State Parks (Mendocino) 2/528 = <1%

Lost Coast/Humboldt County 2/528 = <1%

Santa Barbara: 1/528 = <1%
- Hiking
- Biking

Fort Ross State Historic Park 1/528 = <1%

Northern California: 13/528 = 2%

Trinity Alps/Trinity County/Trinity River 4/528 = 1%

Lassen National Park/Mount Lassen 3/528 = 1%
- Hiking
- Horseback riding

Shasta Area/Mount Shasta: 2/528 = <1%
- Skiing

Smith River National Recreation Area 1/528 = <1%

Klamath River $1/528 = <1\%$

Salmon River $1/528 = <1\%$

Scott River $1/528 = <1\%$

Yosemite Area: **$12/528 = 2\%$**

Yosemite National Park: $11/528 = 2\%$

- Hiking/Walking
- Wildlife viewing
- Backpacking
- Snow-camping
- Skiing
- Snow-shoeing
- Rock climbing
- Sightseeing

Ansel Adams Wilderness: $1/528 = <1\%$

- Hiking

Pacific Crest Trail: **$10/528 = 2\%$**

- Hiking
- Snow-shoeing
- Horseback riding

Coloma/Lotus Area/Henningsen Park: **$10/528 = 2\%$**

- Whitewater rafting
- Historical center
- Gold panning
- Hiking
- Sightseeing
- Soccer
- Swimming

Plumas County/Plumas National Forest Area: **$10/528 = 2\%$**

Lakes Basin Recreation Area: $4/528 = 1\%$

- Hiking
- Horseback riding

- Biking
- Camping

Feather River/Feather River Canyon: $3/528 = 1\%$

- Fishing
- Biking
- Hiking
- Outdoor exploring

Lake Oroville: $2/528 = <1\%$

- Camping

Graeagle $1/528 = <1\%$

Napa Valley/Sonoma County Area: **10/528 = 2%**

Pena Adobe Regional Park/Lagoon Valley: $2/528 = <1\%$

- Hiking
- Sailing
- Camping
- Running

Bothe-Napa Valley State Park: $2/528 = <1\%$

- Hiking

Lake Berryessa $2/528 = <1\%$

Sonoma State Historic Park: $1/528 = <1\%$

- Hiking

Jack London State Historic Park: $1/528 = <1\%$

- Hiking

Sugarloaf Ridge State Park $1/528 = <1\%$

Lake Sonoma $1/528 = <1\%$

Sonoma/Angels Camp Area: **8/528 = 2%**

Tuolumne River: $3/528 = 1\%$

- Camping
- Bouldering
- River exploring
- Kayaking

- Backpacking

Sonora/Angels Camp Area:

2/528 = <1%

- Hiking
- Outdoor education

Calaveras Big Tree State Park

2/528 = <1%

Stanislaus National Forest

1/528 = <1%

Nevada City/Nevada County:

7/528 = 1%

- Hiking
- Horseback riding

Georgetown Area:

5/528 = 1%

- Hiking
- Fishing

All/All of California/Everywhere:

5/528 = 1%

Colfax Area:

4/528 = 1%

- Horseback riding

Modesto/Merced Area:

4/528 = 1%

Merced River:

1/528 = <1%

- Whitewater rafting
- Kayaking
- Wildlife viewing

Modesto Reservoir

1/528 = <1%

New Melones Lake

1/528 = <1%

Don Pedro Reservoir

1/528 = <1%

California Highways:

3/528 = 1%

Highway 49:	1/528 = <1%
- Camping	
- Fishing	
- Hiking	

Highways 50 + 80	1/528 = <1%
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Highway 20:	1/528 = <1%
- Horseback riding	

<u>Auburn State Recreation Area:</u>	68/528 = 13%
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<u>Other:</u>	45/528 = 9%
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Q.26: Are any of the following barriers or impediments to the use of ASRA?

a) Activity/Facility not available:

Barrier/Impediment	Frequencies
No barrier/impediment	57/528 = 11%
Closed roads/Easy to drive to put-in/take-out for kayaks/ More kayak put-in spots on N. Fork/Clementine with better access road/No access to Upper Clementine in fall for kayaks – road closed/Please open gate on road to Ruck-a-Chucky/ Too few put-in/take-out spots for non-whitewater kayaking/ Poor roads at Yankee Jims/Ponderosa/Drivers Flat/No rafting take-out at Mammoth Bar/Yes, gate blocking access at end of Drivers Flat and on road to Tunnel Shoot/Too few, hard to reach put-in/take-outs for flat water kayaking	10/528 = 2%
Bathrooms near trails/More restrooms/Need bathrooms	7/528 = 1%
More picnic sites/Need picnic tables/No picnic area at Lake Clementine	4/528 = 1%
Open up river below Confluence/River closed at Dam site	3/528 = 1%
I miss Coffer Dam crossing/Need a bridge (Coffer Dam)/ No river crossing Auburn to Cool trail	3/528 = 1%
More open trails/Long trails parallel to river such as	

Confluence to Ponderosa needed/Bike trail like American River Bike trail	3/528 = 1%
Lake fills quickly/No room at lake	2/528 = <1%
Limit on rock climbing/Climbing site at old Quarry site should be opened	2/528 = <1%
Other	34/528 = 6%

b) Lack of public transportation:

<u>Barrier/Impediment</u>	<u>Frequencies</u>
No barrier/impediment/Not needed	64/528 = 12%
I don't think there is public transportation to ASRA – there should be/In our area in general/In Placer County, there is a lack of public transportation, especially to Park land/Needed/None to the river besides hitchin'/Yes, need bus routes	9/528 = 2%
Few, no or poor roads to many trails away from Confluence/Road access is difficult for multiple people/Roads should be paved	3/528 = 1%
Other	32/528 = 6%

c) Crowding/Conflict:

<u>Barrier/Impediment</u>	<u>Frequencies</u>
No barrier/impediment/No crowding/conflict	63/528 = 12%

Crowding:

Can be crowded/Summer gridlock/On weekends/Increasing number of visitors/Too many people/Yes	16/528 = 3%
Lack of parking in many areas/Not enough parking on peak days/Summer parking/Not enough river parking/Parking at Confluence/Parking at Ponderosa/Traffic	11/528 = 2%

Weekends are crowded at Confluence/Crowding at Confluence at times	5/528 = 1%
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Weekends are crowded at Lake Clementine/Lake crowding/Reservations/campsites at the lake/Flatwater paddling	5/528 = 1%
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Cool/Olmstead crowded on weekends	2/528 = <1%
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Mammoth Bar/Ponderosa in summer/Sometimes during summer at Ponderosa Bridge	2/528 = <1%
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Sometimes at swimming holes/summer swimming	2/528 = <1%
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Conflict:

Conflict with mountain bikers on narrow trails/Bikers with everyone else/Mountain bikers going too fast/Having to share trail with horses/Running vs. mountain biking	9/528 = 2%
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Drinking in certain areas/Sometimes at Confluence people drink and get rowdy/Sometimes drinkers cause fights/Rude people/Weekend party dudes/Cussing/Music should not be allowed	8/528 = 2%
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Too much garbage/Litter and trash	2/528 = <1%
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Unsafe feeling and vehicle break-ins Confluence/Yankee Jims/Ponderosa	2/528 = <1%
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Other	31/528 = 6%
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d) Cost/Fees:

<u>Barrier/Impediment</u>	<u>Frequencies</u>
No barrier/impediment	57/528 = 11%
Yes, if fees are implemented/Would be a concern/ Yes, I would have to restrict use, could not afford to pay/ If fees are implemented at trailhead, I will decrease use/ If this will go into effect, I will find other areas/No day-use or parking fees, only should charge for campsites/Proposed parking fees are not acceptable/We try to stay away from fee areas/Keep it free/Keep affordable for everyone/There should not be fees/Locals should not pay/No charging for nature	25/528 = 5%

If you charge, spend the money on Park/Improve the parking, Then I'd pay more, maybe/Ok, if not high and contributes to maintenance/About three years ago started charging \$5 for Lake Clementine. Told money would be used to fix road. Money collected – nothing changed in area. Should have fees – fees are good	5/528 = 1%
Too costly for what you get – no privacy/Kind of high for facilities available	4/528 = 1%
Other	24/528 = 5%

e) Lack of information:

<u>Barrier/Impediment</u>	<u>Frequencies</u>
No barrier/impediment/Good as is	60/528 = 11%
A little/Could use more/Hard to find information/ Not enough bridge and trail signs/Need better trail signs/ Rivers need more info/Need hotline for current conditions, i.e., river levels, crowding conditions/There need to be more maps, easier to use internet site/Trail info direction is not clear/Trail maps need to be better, more convenient/ Website needs to be updated/More interpreting of fish and aquatics	19/528 = 4%
Clementine should put their pay table all the way in front of the Park/Did not see fee sign because it was not obvious and got \$62 ticket	2/528 = <1%
Other	28/528 = 5%

f) Lack of parking:

<u>Barrier/Impediment</u>	<u>Frequencies</u>
No barrier/impediment/Good as is	54/528 = 10%
Need more parking/Need more trailer parking/Not enough/ Not enough river parking/Always a need/Can always use more safe parking/Can be crowded/Could be a lot better/Could use more parking/Everywhere/Limited spaces/My biggest worry each park visit	26/528 = 5%

Could use more trailer spaces on summer weekends/Crowded on weekends/In the summer...tourists/It's a problem on a busy weekend/It's bad in summer, but it keeps the crowds down/On busy weekends/Summertime/Trailer spaces on busy days	13/528 = 2%
A little/Maybe some days/Not much, but ok/Some/Sometimes/There aren't enough spaces, but don't put a parking lot/Trailhead parking sometimes limited	12/528 = 2%
At Confluence on weekends/At times at Confluence/Confluence at peak times only/Horse parking at Confluence/Confluence area/Parking can be tight at Confluence/Sometimes at Confluence/The Confluence NF/MF becomes hazardous on weekends	11/528 = 2%
Many areas – difficult unless have high clearance SUV/Poor parking for sedans (i.e., Quarry)/Poor roads – rocky parking areas/Quarry parking lot – too many boulders, big dips for cars – make low sedans have to park on shoulder/Too rocky/Trailhead parking difficult to use/Allowing people to park on shoulders does more damage over years than just making a parking lot	9/528 = 2%
Lake Clementine/Lake Clementine access area/Lot fills quickly (Clementine)/Small – connector off Lake Clementine Road	4/528 = 1%
Can be an issue at Russell Rd, Cool, Quarry trailheads/Quarry parking lot often crowded	2/528 = <1%
Not enough at Stagecoach at times/Sometimes at Stagecoach	2/528 = <1%
Park too far away	2/528 = <1%
Ponderosa/Ponderosa in summer	2/528 = <1%
Yankee Jims/Somewhat at Yankee Jim Rd.	2/528 = <1%
Other	27/528 = 5%

g) Lack of safety:

<u>Barrier/Impediment</u>	<u>Frequencies</u>
No barrier/impediment/Feel safe	67/528 = 13%
Car break-ins have become a problem/Break-ins/ Break-ins and no rangers available/Break-ins at trailheads/	

Break-ins in parking lots/I feel somewhat unsafe leaving my car unattended – people braking in cars/Many property thefts at NF/MF/Confluence/My car was broken into on Quarry Rd./My vehicle was broken into twice – once at Confluence, once at Quarry Rd.	19/528 = 4%
Don't always feel safe/Sometimes at Yankee Jims Rd. and Ponderosa Bridge/Somewhat/Iowa Hill area – only do trails in a group/Near Yankee Jims, Iowa Hill – a bit of a concern/Needs improvement/Pondura beach/Single person would appreciate group hikes	9/528 = 2%
Path not safe/River trails	3/528 = 1%
Drunk people on weekends/Too many party-goers and too little law enforcement	2/528 = <1%
Other	33/528 = 6%

h) Other barriers/impediments:

<u>Barrier/Impediment</u>	<u>Frequencies</u>
No barriers/impediments/I like it just the way it is	46/528 = 9%
More trails going up past Lake Clementine up North Fork/ Multi-use trails that are safe to hike and horseback ride/ Need North Fork mountain bike trail (Clementine to Ponderosa/ Need portage trail at Murderer's Bar/Will not ride (horse) on many trails due to conflict with bikes – can't see – too narrow to get off trail/Trails off-limit to bikes/Continuous closure of mountain bike trails	7/528 = 1%
Roads/Road maintenance down to Clementine – difficult in regular car/Road very bad to Lake Clementine/Poor access to Upper Clementine/Road into/out of ASRA (Clementine)/No good roads to upper areas along Middle Fork and North Fork	6/528 = 1%
More campsites, parking, and running water/No drinking water/No running water on mountain bike trails – dehydration/Water available	4/528 = 1%
Not adequate policing of trails by park rangers/Not enough law enforcement/Security: too many break-ins at Auburn/Cool/Folsom. Need more or a ranger presence/Vehicle break-ins	4/528 = 1%

Animal/dog poop/Too many aggressive dogs running loose attacking me/Not enough dog access – esp. at Clementine	3/528 = 1%
More education (wild animals)/Lack of public awareness. Hard to find information/Need trails marked	3/528 = 1%
Need another bridge to Cool/Need replacement crossing for Coffey Dam/Ponderosa Bridge needs maintenance and repair	3/528 = 1%
Distance – I live in Roseville/Far away	2/528 = <1%
Need restrooms/Need more outhouses	2/528 = <1%
Poison Oak/Some trails get overgrown. Better maintenance would be appreciated	2/528 = <1%
Rain is impediment and muddy trails/Water problems to trails in winter/spring	2/528 = <1%
Trail to the river – stairs maybe/Trails leading to river – old folks have a difficult time	2/528 = <1%
Trash/Trash. Need no trashing signs in other languages (Spanish and Russian)	2/528 = <1%
Other	33/528 = 6%

Q.29: What do you see as some of ASRA's major issues, concerns, problems and opportunities? Please explain these, and suggest your ideas on possible management actions to meet each:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Frequencies</u>
No Auburn Dam/Auburn Dam is the biggest threat/Avoid the Dam/I am very concerned about the possibility of the Auburn Dam to be built/Do not build the Dam/Major issue is the possible Auburn Dam/Permanent recognition of this special place, which is worth more than a Dam site/John Doolittle	33/528 = 6%
Car break-ins/Theft in parking lots/Vandalism at parking areas/My truck was stolen at Drivers Flat/Stop trailer break-ins/Need more rangers to patrol areas everyday, not just weekends/Not enough law enforcement rangers available/Public safety – more rangers/Rangers to watch under age kids/Law enforcement presence on roads – many motorcycles traveling at high speed	11/528 = 2%

Just preserving this area is the most important to me/Protect canyon from further development, such as houses on the ridge/ I would like to see the area stay the same/I enjoy getting away from people and buildings, development would destroy the uniqueness of this place/To not allow over development/ Don't change a thing/Keep the rivers as they are

9/528 = 2%

Trail improvements/Trail maintenance/Additional trails/ Better mountain trails and signs/State Parks needs to cut the red tape in trail improvements/Needs repair on trails/ Weather effects on trails

8/528 = 2%

Population, use increase/Increased use/Growth, expanded use/ As the area becomes more popular, crowding will be an issue/ High visitor ship due to valley impact/Increasing population/ Just don't open the doors to the hordes of tourists

7/528 = 1%

No issues, concerns, problems/Everything is great/I think the Park is functioning very well – I am happy with it

7/528 = 1%

Many people like to litter, maybe try to enforce laws more/ Lack of environmental respect – more garbage cans closer to river – fines possibly/Hoodlums leaving trash and graffiti/ Graffiti/Keeping areas clean, trash, etc.

7/528 = 1%

I am not aware of any historical, cultural public education things within the Park/Not enough public knowledge/ Public awareness/Education

6/528 = 1%

More parking/Parking-access/Parking is a huge problem at Shirttail Canyon/Parking is dangerous at the forks/Parking lot improvement. Separating horse trailers from regular cars/ Staging area maintenance

6/528 = 1%

Trail user conflicts – bikes vs. horses and hikers/Hiker, equestrian, biker conflicts/Narrow windy, multi-use trails (such as Foresthill Divide Loop) need improvements to make horse riders and hikers safe from speeding bicyclists/Multi-use trail cooperation

5/528 = 1%

Fees – what will they be used for? What about the volunteer groups who put in time and money for different uses and upgrades to the Park (equestrian, FATRAC, ASRACK)/ Charging fees/Locals paying/Rather than paying to enter a Park, people should pay when they leave – pay with a bag of old garbage they collected

4/528 = 1%

Poor seasonal access to Upper Clementine, bad roads to Yankee Jims, Ponderosa and Drivers Flat/Access to Middle Fork/River access below Confluence/Widen the road (Lake Clementine)	4/528 = 1%
Bridge across the river at dam site/Build a new bridge/Need a footbridge at the dam site	3/528 = 1%
Mammoth Bar, open the track/Fix or build new large track (Mammoth Bar)/Pushing motorcycles out. They are a family activity that is very healthy	3/528 = 1%
Bathrooms/Improve toilets/Pump the toilets more often	3/528 = 1%
Build the Auburn Dam/Build the Auburn Dam for economic growth, more recreation revenue, flood protection, hydroelectric power and political wrangling	2/528 = <1%
Allowing illegal activities downstream of Highway 49 along the river, prevents families, normal people from using the area/ Trying to fish on North Fork above Diversion Tunnel, naked men along trails	2/528 = <1%
I think it would be an excellent idea to place little huts that provide shade along with more grills for picnics by the North Fork beach area/Most people would like more places to sit with shade	2/528 = <1%
Lack of money/Lack of finances	2/528 = <1%
Less OHV use/Expansion of OHV area (problem)	2/528 = <1%
Special interest groups should not dictate or negate the acceptability and family atmosphere. It should be monitored/ Stop closing parking lot for permitted events. Wrong – we all pay taxes	2/528 = <1%
Other	9/528 = 2%

Q.30: What is the zip code at your home?

<u>County</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Placer County:	254/528 = 48%
Auburn (126)	
Roseville (18)	

Rocklin (18)
Granite Bay (15)
Foresthill (13)
Newcastle (13)
Colfax (13)
Meadow Vista (10)
Penryn (10)
Loomis (8)
Lincoln (5)
Alta (2)
Applegate (1)
Gold Run (1)
Weimar (1)

Sacramento County:

68/528 = 13%

Sacramento (35)
Citrus Heights (6)
Orangevale (6)
Fair Oaks (5)
Carmichael (3)
Elk Grove (3)
Folsom (3)
North Highlands (3)
Elverta (1)
Rio Linda (1)
Rancho Cordova (1)
Antelope (1)

El Dorado County:

64/528 = 12%

Cool (35)
Georgetown (5)
Greenwood (4)
Shingle Springs (4)
Coloma (3)
Garden Valley (3)
Pilot Hill (3)
Placerville (3)
El Dorado (1)
Lotus (1)
Pollock Pines (1)
El Dorado Hills (1)

Nevada County:

20/528 = 4%

Grass Valley (12)
Nevada City (4)
Truckee (3)

Soda Springs (1)

Yolo County:

10/528 = 2%

Davis (4)

Woodland (3)

Broderick (1)

Esparto (1)

West Sacramento (1)

Santa Clara County:

10/528 = 2%

Cupertino (4)

San Jose (4)

Los Gatos (1)

Milpitas (1)

Alameda County:

7/528 = 1%

Oakland (4)

Alameda (1)

American Canyon (1)

Livermore (1)

San Mateo County:

6/528 = 1%

Daly City (3)

Half Moon Bay (1)

Redwood City (1)

San Bruno (1)

Contra Costa County:

5/528 = 1%

Pleasant Hill (2)

Orinda (2)

Concord (1)

Solano County:

5/528 = 1%

Vallejo (3)

Vacaville (2)

Sonoma County:

5/528 = 1%

Santa Rosa (4)

Rohnert Park (1)

San Diego County:

3/528 = 1%

San Diego (3)

Stanislaus County:

3/528 = 1%

Newman (2)

Patterson (1)

Ventura County: 2/528 = <1%
Simi Valley (2)

Marin County: 2/528 = <1%
Inverness (1)
Novato (1)

Other Counties (CA and Out-of-State) 14/528 = 3%

Q.37: Finally, please use the space below for any comments you may have about outdoor recreation areas, facilities, and services at ASRA:

Category

Frequencies

No Change/Minimal Change Desired: 138/528 = 26%

Everything is great/Keep up the good work 61/528 = 12%

A+/B+ overall/All is great. Thanks for providing good gran fun!/As a visitor I think this is a great place to come visit/Awesome/Beautiful area to come see, is worth protecting, developing and maintaining/Good spot/Good times/Great place/Great place. Keep up the great work you are doing to keep things going/I am very pleased with the past parking lot improvements, and considering the location and size of this area, I am very pleased with it as is. Thank you/I enjoy it and hope is kept available for use by all levels of fitness/I like it/I like the fact that it is a large, spread-out area yet easy to get to/I love it/I love the American River/I love the canyon/I love this area. This was one of the primary reasons we moved here/I really love the area and all the things I can do there/I think it's a beautiful place/I thoroughly enjoy the hiking trails. I hope that it continues to be an emphasis for this area/It's a great area/Just a great place to be outdoors/Keep it up, and may the Lord bless you through His son Jesus/Keep up the good work/Love it/Love the mountain bike trails/Love the weather. It's usually foggy in Half Moon Bay/Love this place/Nice hiking and jogging trails/Beautiful place, my home away from home/I love this place and its trails and its wildlife. Rivers are so cool/You folks do good ork/Overall, I really like these facilities. I camped here for many years/Park is very nice/Thank you/Thank you for having places to get out the house and away from the wife. Peaceful, nice, clean/Thank you for such a wonderful area/Thanks/Thanks for a great area/Thanks for a great place to ride and hike. You do a great job/Thanks for all your help and info this trip. We'll be back and will continue to enjoy the Park. Thank you/The American River is great/The ASRA has always been something to enjoy visiting ever since my dad took me here for the first time. We still come here all the time/The new facilities are wonderful. The maintenance of the existing facilities is great. The Sheriff Department and Park Rangers response to high water safety for rafting has been great/The rangers are nice and the Park is gorgeous/This is a wonderful area; I wish I had more time to spend here/This is the best place I found to ride. It really is perfect the way it is/This is the only Park around that has clean rivers, maintained trails and primitive camping all together.

Beautiful terrain that is bound to captivate any visitor/Very close, accessible/We are so fortunate to have the Park/lake for use/Keep up the good work/Well maintained, pleased with services and trail accessibility/You're doing good

Keep ASRA natural/Minimal development

40/528 = 8%

Keep semi-wild and undeveloped/Do not pave the parking lot in Cool. It's too slippery for horses/Don't change a thing/Further development would only bring bigger crowds. Keep it natural with minimal development/Great place – love the wilderness. Don't ever develop/I am hoping no more houses will be built along the ridge/I hope this Park never changes. I like it just the way it is, the way it should be, the way it should stay/I love this place – please don't change anything/I love this place the way it is/I think the Parks are perfect how they are. If they get too organized it will lose the natural quality. Coming from IL, these Parks are like a small piece of heaven. God Bless/Don't open the river at Maidu to vehicular access. It will create serious user conflicts/It's fine the way it is. I'd like more people to use it, but I'm worried if too many improvements are made (or if too many people know too many trailheads) the isolation and serenity will be compromised/It is excellent the way it is/Just keep it a "rural" experience and don't buy into the "city" type Park ideas/Just keep it simple, accessible and clean/Just to recognize that we have a treasure here. Let's be careful with it. Let's keep the crowds with their trash and city excess away. Thank you/Keep it as natural as you can/Keep it mostly as is/Keep it safe, keep it clean. Please no development/Keep it the same/Keep natural. Few rules/Keep wild/Leave things alone/Love it. Don't spoil it by over development/More development means less natural and then becomes like urban Park. I like to keep more primitive than developed/More land is fine because it expands open space, but should be left natural/No more development, dams, roads, exhaust/Despite complaints – love it. Fix problems without overdeveloping/Please keep it remote and free from more development/Please keep it wild/Please keep the area with minimal services/Please keep the area as natural as possible/Preserve what we have/The facilities meet most needs in the Park. Volunteers have provided many of the existing facility areas in the past (many never existed before the volunteers created them)/The growth/The less, the better/This is a very beautiful wild Park – keep it that way/We grew up here (1977-now) and we'd like things to stay the way they are/Wonderful place close to home – please keep it for everyone to enjoy/Wonderful rafting experience and educational experience with Friends of the River/Would like to see the area maintained as naturally as possible. Like less developed areas/Love ASRA - basically keep as is

Preserve ASRA/American River/No Auburn Dam

37/528 = 7%

Please, Mr. Doolittle, no Dam. I want my children and grandchildren to enjoy this lovely experience/Let this dam off of Doolittle's agenda, fix levies where the need is/Do not build Auburn Dam/I do not want this river dammed/I feel that it is extremely important to keep the rivers flowing. I love our rivers and would like to see them the same way in 20 years/I love ASRA – it should not be flooded by a dam at Auburn/I use the trails every weekend and some weekdays. Please don't flood this area for a dam/If the dam is constructed then the river will be destroyed, which will ruin a piece of mother nature/No

Auburn Dam. Continued whitewater boatable flows on the N. and M. Fork American Rivers/No more lakes, keep the rivers open. I would much rather have the land open for animals and trails than more boats and lake clubs. If the rivers go away so will some of California's best and most beautiful areas/Please – save this beautiful area/Please keep this place available for the public/The canyons are a jewel which need to be preserved/No Auburn Dam, dry, temporary or otherwise/The most important thing is that this area be kept available and accessible to the people of California, now and in the future. This means it needs to be kept above water – the Auburn Dam must not be built/We are fortunate to have it – don't dam it/Please preserve our canyons and lakes

Improve/Add Facilities and Services:

65/528 = 12%

**Improve trail maintenance/access/parking/roads/
existing facilities**

21/528 = 4%

Allow BOR to run this Park as it should. Maintenance on trails/Parking – too many boulders in parking area (Quarry), too small Fuel break off Lake Clementine Road. Poorly maintained gravel road (Lake Clementine)/Get more monies for improvements/ /Fix parking areas/Fix parking areas – more space – easier for non-SUV/Some extra maintenance of trails on hard weather years is needed/Improve existing facilities/ Improve parking, if you can stop to park you would stay/Keep facilities clean and open/Improve access/parking/Access for the elderly/More trail access under No-Hands Bridge/Plant more German brown trout/ /Pave the road to Upper Lake Clementine/Please improve roads, campsites/The road needs improvement/The area could use some upgrades/Trail maintenance needs improvement/We like when the facilities are well maintained – cleaned etc. It makes the experience of the Park much more enjoyable/Trails and parking lot/What you have here is nice. It just needs to be taken care of. Trails need a lot of help/Just do better maintenance of what we have

Develop more trails/picnic areas/facilities

16/528 = 3%

Develop more trails/Expand trail network and add running water to access points/There needs to be a food place/More multi-use trails, otherwise little development except at trailheads/More picnic areas (especially tables)/Maybe some barbecue pits at Upper Lake Clementine/Please, more picnic areas (vehicle accessible) at Lake Clementine/ Replace the track. It gives a person a safe place to ride without a partner/Mine should be opened for clean-up and trail building, including safe boat ferry/Running water/Parks, I would like to see one good store. In State Parks I think it would be a good thing. When you need something you just walk to the store/We need more picnic tables at Lake Clementine/Trail up to Lake Tahoe from Lake Clementine/We need a small BBQ area on rocks by bridge with posted signs. Would be a zero fire problem as rocks do not burn/ More space is needed and open Mammoth Bar soon/Drinking water would be nice

Improve/add restrooms

17/528 = 3%

Add restrooms with child changing and seat sanitary protectors, add hand washing spickets and trash recycling cans/Do need more restrooms/Modern plumbed restroom at Confluence/More portable toilets/More restrooms/Toilets south of bridge/Need better bathrooms at the Confluence/Need more porta potties/I just wish the restroom section will improve/There could be more, better, and more well kept restrooms/Please improve restroom facilities and add to trailheads where none now. Until recently, the smell in the restrooms at base of Stagecoach trail was disgusting and horrible (rather go in bushes!). It has improved slightly. Add hand-washing station here as this is a high volume restroom/ Please improve restrooms/Restrooms are important for my family/Restrooms are a big concern since I have small children/The toilets need cleaned more often. Water source for hand washing also

Improve/add boater put-ins and take-outs

6/528 = 1%

Allow vehicles to load/unload for whitewater river take-outs at Mammoth Flat/Too few kayak put-in spots/Have a sign saying ok to launch and pick up (rafting boats), but no parking at rivers edge/I will emphasize access to take-out at Mammoth Bar. Cobbles make walking boats (rafts) up to cars/vehicles hazardous...injuries etc./Improve put-in and take-out area/ Open take-out for kayaks by river – not one half mile away on Maidu... Parking too far away – leads to unauthorized means to get heavy kayak to car and increase, not lessen fire danger since force us to find a way/drive around

Add/replace Coffey Dam bridge

5/528 = 1%

Bridge/Bridge crossing over American River/Bridge from Overlook to Cool/Need a bridge through Coffey Dam from Auburn to Cool/Put in a footbridge for all of us. Thank you

Multi-use/User Conflicts/Dogs/Motorized recreation:

36/528 = 7%

Multi-use/User Conflicts

25/528 = 5%

Balancing the different user groups is always a challenge/All must conduct themselves in a safe manner, including horsemen/women/Bikers go too fast for visibility – use trails not authorized, e.g. Tinkers Cut-off and create steep trails wherever they wish. No action taken to enforce rules/Widen trails to reduce bike-hiker run-ins/I grew up loving and living in this canyon, it hurts when I see people try to take any part of it away. There is no good reason that we can't all get along. Thanks/If we had better enforcement of the existing rules, we would have less conflict and people. Equestrians have inordinate amount of private trails for the number of people who have horses compared to hikers, bikers and runners/It would be nice if there was a way to convince mountain bikers to stay off trails not open to them. One reason I mountain bike so much less now is that it is embarrassing to see the damage they do by riding closed trails, carving the banks of open trails, and cutting in scabbed trails/Just keep trails open and maintained for horses – don't let bike people take them over/Re-open climbing in Quarry/Keep up the bike-

friendly environment/Make trails wide enough for true multi-use by all users/Widen trails to stop bikers from crashing/scaring hikers – equestrians by going too fast on non-bike trails, around curves and downhill/More NTRAC and Trail Trials/Mountain bikers have been very restricted on ASRA trails. Perhaps you could open some bike-only trails as a compromise because we are not going away/MTB need more access to Quarry side of the ASRA/Wider trails – for better visibility to stop speeding bikers from hitting us/scaring horses. Also wider so hikers can step aside without going into poison oak/Please keep ASRA mountain-bike friendly/Please provide more mountain-bike friendly recreation, specifically for downhillers/ Rock climbing should be officially permitted in appropriate quarry areas/Since many mountain bikers use the Foresthill Divide Loop it is single track – there are frequent near-collisions (head on). How about proposing all riders go clockwise on even days of the month and counter-clockwise on odd days/The race track and time on the track for less experienced riders/It needs to be legal to jump off the bridge (Ponderosa)/We enjoy trail recreation but prefer not to meet bicyclists on trails/Like individual purpose uses (bike, hike, ride) rather than organized events/Don't mess up the nude areas/Keep the nude beach open

Dog recreation and regulations

7/528 = 1%

Allow off-leash dogs in remote areas/Dogs ok if not bothering others/Poop bags for dogs at trailheads/Please continue to allow well-behaved dogs on trails and at river/Please provide more dog-friendly recreation/There is not one leash law sign at the Overlook. Why not? I have been dog attacked several times in these areas. Need more leash law signs at the Confluence and enforcement which I never see!/Poop bags and bins at trailheads and lots of signs saying “Pick up after your dog”

Motorized recreation

4/528 = 1%

Do not like to see/hear/smell motor vehicles on trails/Restrict off road vehicles (as it is disrupting to habitats, quietude, resources, etc.)/5 mph only for Lake Clementine/ASRA is a major component of the Auburn area's recreational tourism based economy. Dept. Parks needs to focus on non-motorized recreation because affluent people are attracted to non-motorized activities, spending more money per capita in Auburn than do OHV users. Reduce OHV use in favor of non-motorized uses/Kick out powered boats from Lake Clementine

More Security/Law Enforcement/Rangers:

28/528 = 5%

Emergency phones along trails in case of snakebite. More trail markers in case of emergency so location can be quickly identified/Add emergency phone (direct line) to Confluence area to report suspicious activity/Have rangers hike/ride the trails. A few cell towers would help safety away from Confluence area/I have no objection to charging at staging areas if there will be security on site/Somewhat concerned about the reported lawlessness and substance abuse/More river safety/Better enforcement of existing rules/More emergency phones/Would like to see enforcement of illegal activities/Maintain high levels of security during high use months/areas. Non-locals sometimes abuse the

more frequented areas/Maybe more signs to encourage people to pick up and dispose of their trash/More ASRA staff. Seeing Park rangers out and about is a definite deterrent to negative/illegal activity (i.e., bridge jumping, unleashed dogs, etc.)/More security. Stop trailer (horse) break-ins/Need more rangers to cover security of trailheads and put-ins and take-outs/Overcrowding on busy weekends, need more law enforcement. Rangers are great, but too few for the size of recreation area/Encourage rafting in appropriate parts of river. Employ more rangers to keep it safe/Rangers should take it easy on kids partying and catch real criminals. For instance, people that break into other people's cars/Rangers are very unfriendly to younger generation of bike riders/Feel safe with Canyon Keepers/Undesirable users make it not safe for my family/The Park rangers could be more accommodating towards the rafters/The ranger staff here is wonderful – but need more help to fully patrol the area. Thanks/Rangers are too uptight. This has always been a free spirit Libertarian place. An open-minded place as antidote to civilization. Please do not turn into a law school or New York City/We need to clean up the nude beach/With all the auto break-ins that have occurred, I was much more comfortable when I found Park personnel at the take-out. Thanks/More security is needed/A big emphasis should be placed on no glass policy

No User Fees/Keep free/Put fees back into Park:

27/528 = 5%

A yearly parking pass should be available – maybe \$100. “Locals” discount/Charging parking and user fees is a slippery public policy slope – taxes are paid by all, all should have rights of use/Keep as is – free/Keep free/I agree with fees for areas other than 49-Bridge. For over 30 years I have come and it is free – leave it that way/I am glad that at least we are not charged to enjoy the river here. It makes me very angry that locals have to pay to enjoy places like Mammoth Bar and Lake Clementine now/I don't think it's fair to charge money to visit a river if our taxes are involved/I wouldn't mind paying if I knew there would be more trail maintenance/If fees are required to maintain the current level of service at ASRA, I would gladly pay \$5 to \$10 per visit/If you must charge fees, give discounts or free passes to those who volunteer time through various recreational trail organizations. Better yet, don't charge/It is unfair to increase fees or initiate fees in areas not well maintained. Trails are not cared for, cleared. That is done primarily by private sector. I would rather see no fee increase and lack of development. As a tax payer I feel I am already paying for the use of public lands and that I should not be charged for that/Keep access free for hiking/biking/I'd hate to see some fancy table booth put in/Keep free/Like the free parking/Look into annual passes to access Parks. Local discount for day use/Lower or drop fees at Clementine. Lower all fees at lakes. No parking tickets for parking in the canyon/Parking at staging area should remain free. What do you pay taxes for/Please – no more fees/Please don't charge us fees at the Cool staging area/Please keep the area free/Some of our resources, especially for and concerning locals and tourists alike should be free/The cost to park will affect me. I will not be able to come as often/To improve facilities – I have no problem with paying a use fee, if the money comes back to this Park/If you take money here, please do a better road here (Clementine)/Zero fees

Survey is too long/Thanks for doing a survey:

14/528 = 3%

Survey is too long/Tell the grad student who wrote this that it is too long/A bit too long – but worth it/I wished I didn't take this survey/Issuing this survey shows ASRA cares about its visitors. Thank you/Mail these things – I'm on vacation/Most of these questions are not necessary – could have been done online – way too long/This survey is too long and confusing/Shorter surveys/This survey is too long/The Lady who passed out the survey was cute/Thank you guys for meeting us and asking how we feel and what we need

Environmental education/Information/Public input:

11/528 = 2%

Environmental education/Information

7/528 = 1%

I think environmental education/outreach programs in elementary schools/middle/high schools for inner city/suburb children would be a good start to preserving this area for all to enjoy/Need a way to find out events – web calendar/More group hikes. Ranger or biologist led hikes/More information about native fish (trout) and regulations/Please educate future generations about the value of the area/Post trail maintenance days for volunteers/Incredibly important to assist all users in finding ways to use the Park together in harmony. Education about use?

Public input/Coordination with other agencies

4/528 = 1%

Acceptable public input on Hydrorelicensing of North and Middle Forks/Please do more to advertise the progress and meetings of your General Plan efforts. Notice of first meeting was totally inadequate as is your website – please be more outreaching and communicative than you have been/State Parks manages the area for the Bureau of Land Management and I would like BLM's input for the area also/Coordinate with USFS to limit abuse to public lands – OHV/Cattle – that degrades water quality within ASRA

Build Auburn Dam:

2/528 = <1%

Build Auburn Dam (for California)/Build the Auburn Dam, then redo this survey

Other

17/528 = 3%